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"GO TO PRISON."

JUDGE CENSURES WITNESS FOR RETICENCE.

ORDER LATER REVOKED.

"Witnesses Must Answer When Directed."

A witness in the Wing On Bank case was this morning told by His Lordship that he would have to go to prison for a fortnight for withholding information but His Lordship subsequently withdrew the order in view of the witness's compliance.

The witness in question was Tam Lay, a witness called for the prosecution.

He was being cross-examined by Mr. C. G. Alabaster at the time.

Mr. Alabaster: You say you are employed at the Naval Dockyard.

Witness: Yes, I am an apprentice fitter.

Mr. Alabaster: What is your number.

Witness: If I disclose that I shall lose my job.

His Lordship: Tell him to answer the question at once.

Witness was still reluctant and His Lordship added: If he doesn't answer me he will go to prison.

On this being explained to witness he answered through the interpreter: If Your Lordship can guarantee that I won't lose my job I will answer.

His Lordship: You will go to prison for a fortnight.

Witness: My number is 2711.

Mr. Alabaster was rising to cross-examine when Mr. Jenkin rose on a point of order and said: I take it that your Lordship's order is suspended.

Mr. Alabaster: I am not concerned.

His Lordship allowed the cross-examination to proceed. "This witness and others seem to think," he said to the interpreter "that when an order is given by someone else they can withhold information. I want it clearly understood that when I tell a witness to answer he has no right to tell me his employer has told him not to respond."

Witness: I was afraid I might not be taken back to the Naval Yard and would lose my living.

Mr. Alabaster continued his cross-examination. "Have you your pay-card?" he asked witness.

Witness: We don't have pay cards in the Dockyard.

Mr. Alabaster: Have you your number card with you?

Witness: When I go to work I take it from the gate and when I leave I return it.

"This Nonsense."

His Lordship: Then what is all this nonsense about not telling.

Addressing Inspector Fallon, in charge of the police arrangements, His Lordship asked if someone might be got into touch with to explain the practice and witness's attitude.

Mr. James Colin Owen, foreman of the jury, and assistant in the dock company asked leave to address His Lordship.

Permission having been granted, Mr. Owen bore out witness's statement as to leaving the number card on quitting work. As regarded the reticence about giving the number, there was, he stated no grounds for it. It seemed just to be the "Chinese idea."

His Lordship: It is a ridiculous one. There seems to be an idea that a witness is entitled to refuse to answer or cut his answer to suit instructions. This time I won't enforce my order but it must be clearly understood that witnesses answer at once with no nonsense about being forbidden to give information. If necessary I will take very serious steps to make people understand that they are not to answer in this way.

His Lordship asked Mr. Alabaster if the questions were material.

Mr. Alabaster: I did not anticipate for one moment the attitude the witness adopted. I am only seeking to establish his identity.

Witness, at a later stage, when confronted with an employee from the Naval Yard, stated that his Naval Yard number was not in his own name but that of Chan Woon.

Mr. Alabaster asked a series of further questions as to the kind of work on which prisoner was engaged; the men he was working with, etc.

Witness, when asked to describe the submarine, he said he was working on, drew a right angle on the witness box and said the figure 2 came after it.

ACCIDENTS.

"COWBOY" TOSSED BY A BULL.

DETONATOR EXPLOSION.

A Chinese employee at the Dairy Farm was severely injured when he was attacked and tossed by a bull yesterday while removing the animal from the exercising ground to the shed.

It is stated that the man had a remarkable escape from being killed owing to his neglect to take the usual precaution of having another man assist with a rope behind.

The explosion of a detonator with which he was playing injured a Chinese youth to the extent of blowing off two fingers from his left hand. He was taken to the French Hospital by his father.

It was explained that the detonator was left in the house by a man while on a visit.

Mr. Alabaster: You mean submarine LE.

Names of Chinese foremen in witness's department were put to him and he stated that he did not know them. They might be on other work than his.

In evidence in chief, examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness had stated that he was employed in a printing business that the second defendant had in Canton and gave evidence with regard to certain chops he (witness) had been concerned in, bringing to defendant from another shop.

To "Burn Chops."

Witness stated that he saw the characters "Hongkong Wing On Co. Ltd." on the chops. He also recognised an exhibit handed to him by Mr. Jenkin as similar to a bundle of such which he had been instructed to take to the second defendant.

Later, he was given the three chops he had taken to the second defendant and he was instructed to burn them. The chops had been broken up, but he was sure they were the same. He recognised the character "On" on one of them as the same.

Witness was examined at length by Mr. Alabaster as to the nature of his association with the printing shop in Canton, names of alleged employees during the time he stated he was there being put to him.

Witness denied knowledge of the names put to him by Mr. Alabaster. They were not there whilst he was, he stated.

Mr. Alabaster also examined witness as to an alteration in the firm name which he (Mr. Alabaster) put to him had been made during that period but witness stated that there had been no alteration. The location of machinery etc. was also the subject of query and witness replied.

The examination of Chan Sam, who it was intended by the first defendant should handle the claim against the Bank during his (defendant's) absence in Peking was begun this morning and adjourned to this afternoon.

A Previous Rebuke.

His Lordship had occasion yesterday afternoon to rebuke a witness, viz. the chief cashier of the Wing On Bank who admitted that he had not "made himself clear."

He had stated previously that the man who wanted to leave \$1,000 had said he wanted to do that so that he could take the book away and change the label.

That was not, actually what he meant to say. He supposed that the man wanted to take the book away to change the label, because "I saw the Professor there yesterday with the transmitting light showing how the label had been forged." (Laughter.)

His Lordship: That appears to me to be ludicrous. By his not giving correct answers one has to try and discover what he really means. I cannot say that he is a satisfactory witness by any means.

Before witness left the witness-box His Lordship informed him that in future when he gave evidence he would have to answer the questions truthfully and not wander ineffectually in his answers. If he thought more of telling the truth than of pleasing his employers he would make a better witness.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appears with Mr. H. G. Sheldon for the prosecution (both instructed by Mr. Palmer Johnson, Hastings, Debeny and Bowley).

Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. E. S. Zelig (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall, Branson and Mr. Leo d'Almeida) appear for the respective prisoners.

CANTON AMAZONS.

DEFEND HOMES AGAINST PIRATES.

RESOLUTE FIGHTERS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, April 21.

Resolutely defending their homes while their husbands were seeking fortunes in far-off lands, the women of a village in which the sternest sex is in a distinct minority kept over a hundred desperate pirates at bay for the greater part of last night.

The village is that of Sun Chong, on the other side of Kongmoon, and about 500 yards



from the Asiatic Petroleum installation. Nearly all the men-folk (as is the case with most communities in these parts of the Sze Yap) are resident in different parts of America.

It was about 9 o'clock, almost in pitch darkness, that the pirates launched their attack. Till 1 a.m. the women, stuck to their posts, beating back the invaders who adopted shock tactics.

Soldiers from the adjoining townships ventured out to raise the siege. They found that every approach to the beleaguered village, and every strategic point, had been occupied by the outlaws. There was nothing for the authorities to do but snipe from a distance. Volleys were fired into the air from Kongmoon but the gang was not deterred.

Outnumbered and overwhelmed by superior equipment, the local Amazons were overcome. In rushed the pirates, out again at the next moment, taking with them 23 ladies to be held for ransom.

Two of the village community were wounded.

It subsequently transpired that the pirates were Chu Mo's gang from their stronghold at Kong Mel.

2,000 Outlaws Repulsed.

Pakkai, Kongmoon, April 22.

Yung Yuk-pon and Wo Kai, heads of the Kwangtung Tong and Tung Yat Tong, respectively, of notorious local bandits, joined hands recently and demanded \$200,000 from the district which includes the villages of Ho Tong, Sun Chung and Wo Kong.

As the peace offering was not forthcoming, the pirates sent an expedition of 2,000 strong. Many houses were burned and pillaged by the marauders.

Village guards mobilised and went out to give battle. They succeeded in repulsing the pirates and inflicting heavy casualties on them.

Ho Tong is only 2 miles from Pakkai and the same distance from Chu Tai Shan.

To cut off possible assistance, the combined bands sent a flotilla of armed launches to different parts of the river to prevent the military sending out help.

They were driven off before they knew where they were.

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TO THE POWERS.

CANTON GOVERNMENT'S MANIFESTO.

PEKING RECOGNITION.

A manifesto has been issued by the Nationalist Government at Canton to the Foreign Powers against the recognition (by the Powers) of the Peking Government. Extracts from a published translation are:—

The Peking Government has long ceased to be a Government in fact.

The so-called government in Peking is now no longer a government even in name.

Its only pretext for existence is recognition by the Powers.

The effect of such recognition has only served to foster internal strife.

This has been an irreparable fact for years, and is the cause for great anxiety to the citizens of the Republic, when reflecting over the past and planning for the future.

The rise and fall of the militarists in the last few years, has been merely the substitution of one tyrant for another.

Recognition by the Powers has been, in effect, assistance of the temporarily dominant militarist faction, and consequently, intervention in our internal affairs.

This Government, in accordance with the testament of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, advocates the convocation of the People's Convention in order to settle the internal complications and secure a united government.

Looking back, we find that for twenty months during the first and second years of the Republic, there was no government recognised by the Powers, and yet no inconvenience in diplomatic relations was felt.

We hereby make this solemn appeal: That until the People's Convention is held, and a United Government instituted, the Foreign Governments—in order to avoid intervention in our internal affairs, shall refuse recognition of whatever militarists who may happen to occupy Peking.

The manifesto is dated April 24 and appears over the names of Wang Ching-wei, Hu Han-min, Tan Yen-kai, Wu Chao-chu and Koo Ying-fan, as members of the Executive Committee of the Nationalist Government.

OPIUM HAUL.

SMUGGLER CAUGHT AT WHARF.

\$10,000 FINE.

A Chinese passenger from Macao was arrested at the wharf yesterday when a close examination of a wooden box apparently filled with paddy husk revealed a secret compartment in which was found 113 tins of illicit opium valued at \$1,416.

When the man was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of the drug, he said the box was given to him by a friend at Kongmoon. He was unaware there was opium inside it.

An fine of \$10,000 with the alternative of twelve months' hard labour was imposed.

It is believed that the pirates will launch another attack.

\$1,000,000 Loot.

Losses assessed at over a million dollars were caused by practical activities at Kwelchow, the flourishing silk town in the Shun-tak district.

About ten days ago, pirates plundered the town and the same bands are now launching another attack.

Pitched battles have been fought between the defenders and the outlaws. The pirates took up positions firing on all vessels that passed within range.

They have over 30 machine-guns and three armed launches. In the course of the raid several hundreds of the pirates willfully set fire to six or seven places.

The whole town has been sacked and the combined damage and loss is over \$1,000,000.

A small number of soldiers, about 100 strong, happened to be passing on the way to Sai Kau. They were driven off before they knew where they were.

PICKETS CAUGHT.

HONGKONG LAUNCH TAKEN TO MACAO.

TIMELY INTERVENTION.

Four Canton boycott pickets are reported to have been taken into custody at Macao, following the "seizure" of a Hongkong steam-launch.

The s.s. "Wikin," owned by the Wai Kee Co. of Hongkong, was taking a cargo junk towards Macao. It was intercepted by a launch which went alongside with armed men who declared themselves to be boycott pickets.

Under the pickets' orders, the launch and junk were steered towards Chinese waters, adjoining Macao. As the junk was heavily laden, it ran aground. Some of the pickets were left in charge of the junk and the "Wikin" proceeded, with armed pickets standing guard over the coxswain.

It was necessary to cross Macao harbour to get across to Lappa, in Chinese territory.

While in Portuguese waters, the coxswain drew the attention of a Macao patrol launch by blowing a blast on his whistle. The patrol went alongside and took the "Wikin," it is reported, to the Macao water police pier, together with the four pickets on board.

The coxswain, on returning to Hongkong, reported to the owners that the Hongkong licence had been taken. The owners are taking steps to bring the "Wikin" back.

MISSING CHILD.

SOLD TO A WOMAN FOR \$40.

BARISHEE CAUGHT.

Removing a three-year old Chinese girl from her village home in the Shui-kwan district, an unemployed Chinese sold her to a boat-woman at Mongkok for \$40.

The man was found guilty by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of kidnapping and disobeying an order of banishment.

Accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the birch on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

DR. C. C. WU.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po.)

Canton, April 27.

Dr. C. C. Wu was absent from the Magistracy yesterday.

To-day, the Nationalist Government wrote to Dr. Wu asking him to remain in office.

It is stated that Dr. Wu may withdraw his resignation.

MORE RAIN.

FORECAST UNTIL NOON TO-MORROW.

The Observatory report issued at 11.55 a.m. to-day states:—

Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan, and moderately from the Bonins to S. Manchuria. It has decreased slightly from Formosa to Shanghai and is nearly stationary elsewhere.

The anticyclone is now central to the north of the Bonins.

A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China to the Loochoos.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 8.99 inch. Total since January 1, 24.45 inches, against an average of 11.14 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—N.E. or variable winds; moderate, overcast, rain.

Two reports have been received from Queen's Road West of buildings rendered dangerous by the cracking of masonry owing to the heavy rains.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

SMALL DEMAND.

Indian Yarn Market Report.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall,

in their report dated April 26,

state:

Since we last reported on the
 condition of our Local Market,
 prices have continued to decline,
 but on the other hand a small
 demand has been in the period
 under review. This, however, was
 confined to a few favourite Chops
 of 10's and 12's suitable for the
 Yunnan Market. Nevertheless
 deliveries have not been very en-
 couraging, though Importers have
 felt relieved somewhat to have been
 able to effect a few sales.

Bombay Quotations there are
 lower all round.
 Total Sales are hardly (2,500)
 bales all told.
 Unsold Stock 7,000 bales.
 Bargain in Chinese hands 2,000
 bales.

No. 10.

Assur Veerjee \$172.
 Berlin \$166.
 Bradbury \$178.
 Connaught \$166.
 David \$172.
 Dawn \$170.
 Moyer Sassoon \$168.
 Phoenix (Cow Ticket) R. \$177.
 Phoenix (Vase Ticket) M. \$171.
 Presidency \$164.
 Sun, Mill \$166.

No. 12.

China \$170.
 Connaught \$172.
 Dawn \$178.
 Fazzaboy \$179.
 Flinlay \$177.
 Moon \$176.
 Pubaney, various chopas \$178.
 Shanghai: Reports from this
 Market indicate an advance in
 prices and some activity.

Japanese Yarn: Prices have
 kept steady and small sales have
 been effected.

The following are the quotations
 for Spot Yarn:

Nagasaki No. 20 \$208.
 Nagasaki No. 10 193.
 3 Horses No. 16 208.
 3 Horses No. 20 210.
 Yellow Joss No. 20 240.
 Seta No. 10 104.
 Seta No. 20 212.
 Blue Fish No. 12 195.
 Blue Fish No. 20 214.
 Raw Cotton: No Stock. Quo-
 tations: Bengal \$47 to \$51 per picul.
 Chinese \$50 to \$55 per picul.

No. 12.

China \$170.
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FIRE INSURANCE.

Minister Deplures Competition.

"Mr. Kataoka, Minister of Com-
 merce and Industry, who left
 Tokyo for Osaka on the night of
 the 8th instant to attend the Con-
 gress of the Industrialists
 throughout the country and a
 meeting of the Kokusan Shin-
 kokai (Society for the Encour-
 agement of Home Production),
 reached Kyoto on the following
 morning, where he broke his jour-
 ney, says the 'Japan Chronicle'.

Interviewed in the train by Press
 representatives, he referred
 among other things to the reck-
 less competition which is going on
 among the fire insurance com-
 panies doing business chiefly in
 the Kansai districts. The pre-
 posterous race for the companies
 is suicidal, the Minister said. If
 the present sharp and ruinous
 rivalry is carried on long, the
 authorities may find it necessary
 to issue warnings to the com-
 panies concerned. The Minister
 notes that the movement is start-
 ed among some of the fire insur-
 ance companies to urge the
 Government to exempt them from
 the obligation of repaying the
 funds furnished them, some time
 ago, in connection with the earth-
 quake fires payments, but such a
 request cannot be acceded to.

Mr. Kataoka thinks that the Gov-
 ernment authorities at the time
 committed a blunder in compell-
 ing the fire insurance companies
 to make those payments, but
 there is no going back upon the
 measure already taken.

Export Guilds.
 Turning to the development of
 overseas market for Japanese
 goods, the Minister of Commerce
 and Industry said that the matter
 had been claiming his special at-
 tention. The Important Exports
 Guild, Law and the Export In-
 dustry Guild Law, which were
 promulgated some time ago, he
 said, have not been productive
 of the desired results, and the
 Department of Commerce and In-
 dustry intends to take some more
 positive steps for the development
 of the export trade. As one
 thing, it proposes to send five
 parties of five exporters each to
 those regions in China, Indo-
 China, South America and the
 Near East, where Japanese goods
 have not yet found their markets,
 with a view to advertising and
 opening up the new markets for
 them. The Minister wishes to
 consult the Chambers of Com-
 merce about this matter.

Good Business Prospects.
 As to the trade prospects of the
 country, he spoke in a somewhat
 optimistic strain. He thought
 that the business depression has
 already reached its depths, and
 business would gradually pick up.
 He was inclined to believe that
 the time was approaching for the
 lowering of the official rate of the
 Bank of Japan.

GERMAN DYES.
 Japan-German Commercial
 Treaty.

The negotiations for a new com-
 mercial treaty are reported to be
 progressing satisfactorily be-
 tween the Japanese Government
 and Dr. Solf, the German Amba-
 sador, the main obstacle being
 with regard to the tariff on dyes.
 It is hoped that a formal agree-
 ment will be reached in a month's
 time.

At first there was a wide dis-
 crepancy of opinion as to the
 treatment of German dyes. On
 the one hand, exemption of duty
 of the lowest possible rate was
 required, while, taking its stand
 on protection, the Japanese Gov-

KARAKHAN EXPOSED

PATIENCE OF MUKDEN LOST.

The following Mukden message of April 13, sent by Reuter to Shanghai, amplifies the very brief message sent to Hongkong.

The Government of the Three Eastern Provinces took a drastic step yesterday when, in reply to a communication from the Consulate-General of the U.S.S.R., it announced that its patience with Comrade Karakhan had become exhausted and consequently when the Mukden Army entered Peking he would no longer be regarded as the representative of the Moscow Government.

A Comrade's Pious Piss. On April 9 Comrade Podolsky, Consul-General at Mukden, of the U.S.S.R., addressed a letter to Kuo Ching-shan, Chief of the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces, in which he stated that on the 6th of this month Chang Kuo-cheng, Councillor of the Central Diplomatic Administration, declared during a conversation, that the Government of the Three Eastern Provinces would repudiate responsibility for the personal security of the Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in China, Comrade Karakhan, when Peking was occupied by Mukden troops. Such a declaration, though made unofficially, was so exceptional and so contrary to international usage that he, Comrade Podolsky, felt it necessary to call the attention of the Administration thereto. He felt certain—and he hastened to assure Mr. Kuo—that such a statement could not have been uttered with his knowledge as he personally knew the Chief of the Diplomatic Administration as a worthy representative of China's 1,000 year-old culture. Mr. Kuo must regret with him (Comrade Podolsky) that a subliminal could forget in such a decree the respect due to a representative of a Government so friendly to the Chinese Republic as that of the U.S.S.R. Comrade Podolsky added that the immense responsibility which had been placed upon him by the fact that he had heard such a declaration obliged him to ask for an explanation so that he might report it to his Government.

Patience Exhausted. The Chief of the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces replied under date April 12 to the Consulate-General of the U.S.S.R. He pointed out that on March 24, Comrade Karakhan was informed by the writer on behalf of the Marshal and in the presence of Chang Kuo-cheng, that since the arrival in China of Comrade Karakhan the latter had employed bribery to cause student riots and had assisted Marshal Feng Yuxiang with arms in order to create internal strife in China, which actions constituted a misuse of his ambassadorial position, a violation of international usage, and a breach of the Mukden Agreement. The Mukden Government had been patient, but now their patience was exhausted. Being convinced, however, that Comrade Karakhan's actions were exclusively his own and not those of the Government which he represents, and in view of the consolidation of the friendly relations which exist between the two Governments, the Government of the Three Eastern Provinces officially requested the Consul-General in Mukden to warn in due time his Government of the necessity of replacing Comrade Karakhan by another person. It was also pointed out that according to the declaration made by Marshal Chang Tso-lin on January 28 he no longer recognized Comrade Karakhan as the ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in China, and therefore, as soon as Peking was occupied by the Allied troops Comrade Karakhan would no longer be considered as being entitled to the protection of international law as he had postponed beyond measure his departure from the country.

Moscow Informed. On April 1 during the audience which was given by the Marshal to Consul-General, Comrade Karakhan, the Marshal inquired personally if the above mentioned request had been telegraphed to Moscow and the Consul-General replied that he had sent a telegram relating the facts of the situation. It appears from the above, ton-

DRINK REALITIES.

IRISH COMMISSION AND MORAL EVILS.

What I particularly like in the report, (of the Intoxicating Liquor Commission of the Irish Free State), is the statement of principles with which it opens. The realities of the drink question have never that I know of been more temperately or more succinctly presented. "Temporary legislation," says the Commissioner, "has succeeded in the past only so far as the willingness of the community involved has permitted it to succeed." Then America has not existed and experimented in vain. It has at least taught the world this fundamental lesson. "Moral evils," continues the Report, "can most effectively be combated by moral agencies. . . . The community can only interfere with the individual when his conduct interferes unpleasantly with the community. . . . The right to interfere with the drunkard is the right to interfere with a public nuisance, but this right does not entitle the law to prohibit or unduly restrict the satisfaction of a natural and legitimate appetite by reasonable and moderate men who do not abuse their rights. The ideal to be aimed at, therefore, seems to us to be a system of law which will secure good order and remove the abuses connected with the consumption of an article, the use of which may be voluntarily abandoned, but cannot be forcibly suppressed. It is, moreover, abundantly clear from all human and legislative experience that there are limits to the compulsory suppression of drinking, and that when carried beyond those limits it defeats its own object by tending to promote more injurious forms of excess as well as an evasion of the law by common consent.

I do not know where you will find the essential and enduring cause against Prohibition more effectively or more quietly put than in these words—Sydney Brooks in "Saturday Review."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. L. s.s. "Santhia" will leave Amoy for this port tomorrow at p.m. and is due here on April 30 at p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on April 30.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port on April 26 at 3 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on May 1 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Yokohama on April 24, and is due at Vancouver on May 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 17 and is due here on May 5.

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Continues the letter from the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces, that the words of Councillor Chang were merely a repetition of the declaration made previously on March 24 to the Consul-General, but the Secretary to the Consulate-General, M. Podolsky, being ignorant of the facts, was unfortunately in the expressions which he employed in his letter of April 9 and made a wrongful accusation against the Councillor of the Diplomatic Administration.

The communication concludes: Having instructed by telegram the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Moscow to communicate the foregoing to the Soviet Government, we instructed him to add that until the Secretary of the Consulate-General, Comrade Podolsky, apologises for his action all relations between the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces and Comrade Podolsky will cease. We are communicating the above to the Consulate-General for information.



Mr. John Leslie, C.P.R. controller, who was recently appointed vice-president and controller of the C.P.R. Company.

BLOOD TESTS.

LOCATING CANCER IN EARLY STAGES. GERMAN SCIENTIST'S CLAIM.

Dr. H. M. Mitchell, senior honorary surgeon of the Liverpool Hospital for Cancer and Skin Diseases, in appealing at the annual meeting of the institution for subscriptions towards the reconstruction of the hospital, said that a leading German scientist, whose name he was not at liberty to disclose, now claimed that by means of a cleverly devised apparatus he could examine a few drops of a patient's blood and detect cancer in its early stages in any organ of the body.

In addition, the scientist could, he said, by examining a patient's blood six months after an operation, tell whether the operation had been successful in removing all traces of cancer from the affected parts. This was a very important advance in medical science, and he believed that we were near the dawn of a great discovery which would bring consolation and comfort to many anxious hearts.

Dr. Mitchell added:—The discovery was made by a German scientist under whom I have studied. He has been working for some four or five years and has evolved an entirely novel method. His apparatus is quite original and off the lines of any previous research. It consists of instruments for measuring blood reactions spectroscopically.

Pre-Cancerous Condition. Ordinary blood, examined in this manner, gives certain bands of colour, and this scientist has discovered that in a pre-cancerous condition the blood gives quite different reactions.

I have seen this method demonstrated in Liverpool, quite privately. Not only can the scientist tell the presence of those abnormal conditions which are looked upon as the forerunners of cancer, but he has also demonstrated frequently that he can actually tell the precise organ of the body in which the cancer is located or may develop.

His findings were supported at the demonstrations in Liverpool, and at the demonstrations he has given elsewhere, by the work of the surgeon and the pathologist.

Prevention. The method is all in keeping with the best tendencies of modern medical research; that is, it is designed to prevent, rather than cure. Its clinical application will undoubtedly be to enable doctors to detect cancerous conditions before they have developed into actual growths, and then other methods of clinical treatment—such as, for instance, the one which is being followed in Liverpool, that of introducing certain colloids of heavy metal in the bloodstream—will be adopted.

Scepticism. A leading authority on cancer told a "Daily Mail" reporter concerning this claim of the German scientist:—Although it cannot be denied that such a discovery is possible, investigations into the condition of the blood have been made for so many years without success that such a claim must be received with scepticism.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases comprised:—Small-pox: 2 cases, 4 deaths, all Chinese (1 imported); Diphtheria: 1 case, Chinese (imported); Enteric fever: 1 case, British (imported); Rabies (human): 1 case, 2 deaths, all Chinese; Rabies (animal): 1 dog, 1 indigenous (not notifiable) death; Malaria: 1 case, 1 death, Chinese; Malaria: 2 cases, 1 death, Chinese.

ELECTRIC POWER.

REMARKABLE RESULTS AT BARTON.

It will probably be remembered that the coal consumption at Barton power station per unit generated, as given in the statistical abstract prepared by the Electricity Commissioners for the year ended March 31, 1925, was 1.51 lb., and that this figure was considerably lower than that of any other station in Britain. The corresponding figure for the over-all thermal efficiency was 19.85 per cent. Both these figures have now been improved upon, the coal consumption for November having been 1.33 lb. per unit generated, and the thermal efficiency, calculated on the units generated, having reached 22.11 for the same month. The station is, of course, a large one, representative of the latest British practice, and has the advantage of a very high load factor, but even when due allowance is made for these fortunate circumstances, it will be admitted by engineers in general, and by power-station engineers in particular, that all concerned with the design, construction, and operation of the station must be congratulated on the results, especially as these have been obtained under ordinary working conditions extending over a considerable period.

The operating costs, as would be expected from the efficiency and coal-consumption figures, are also highly satisfactory, the average cost per unit sent out having amounted to 0.147d. for the last quarter of 1925. This figure is made up of the following items: Coal, including coal handling and ash, 0.111d.; operating labour and supervision, 0.018d.; oil, water and sundries, 0.008d.; and repairs and maintenance, 0.009d. The above, it will be noticed, are works costs, and do not cover interest on capital expenditure or depreciation of plant.

A suitable allowance for these two items would be 0.150d. per unit, bringing the total cost to 0.297d. per unit. It would thus appear that the decision of the Manchester Corporation to construct the Barton power station, in accordance with their policy of ensuring an adequate supply of cheap power to the industries of the city and its environs, has been amply justified, and there can be little doubt that its continued operation will prove to be a by no means negligible factor in maintaining and enhancing the prosperity of the district—Engineering.

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THE QUESTION OF RATES IN HARBIN.

ATTITUDE OF THE CONSULS.

The Harbin correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury" writes on April 4:

The action of the authorities in disbanding the council and replacing it by a temporary committee has not caused so much excitement in the town as was expected. The late council's time was up some months ago, and was only in power at the request of the Chinese authorities, who had not yet worked out a new scheme of management. There is no doubt that the action was taken in connection with the general movement against the so-called Red propaganda in China. The authorities fearing that the next council would be composed of Russians with strong communistic ideas.

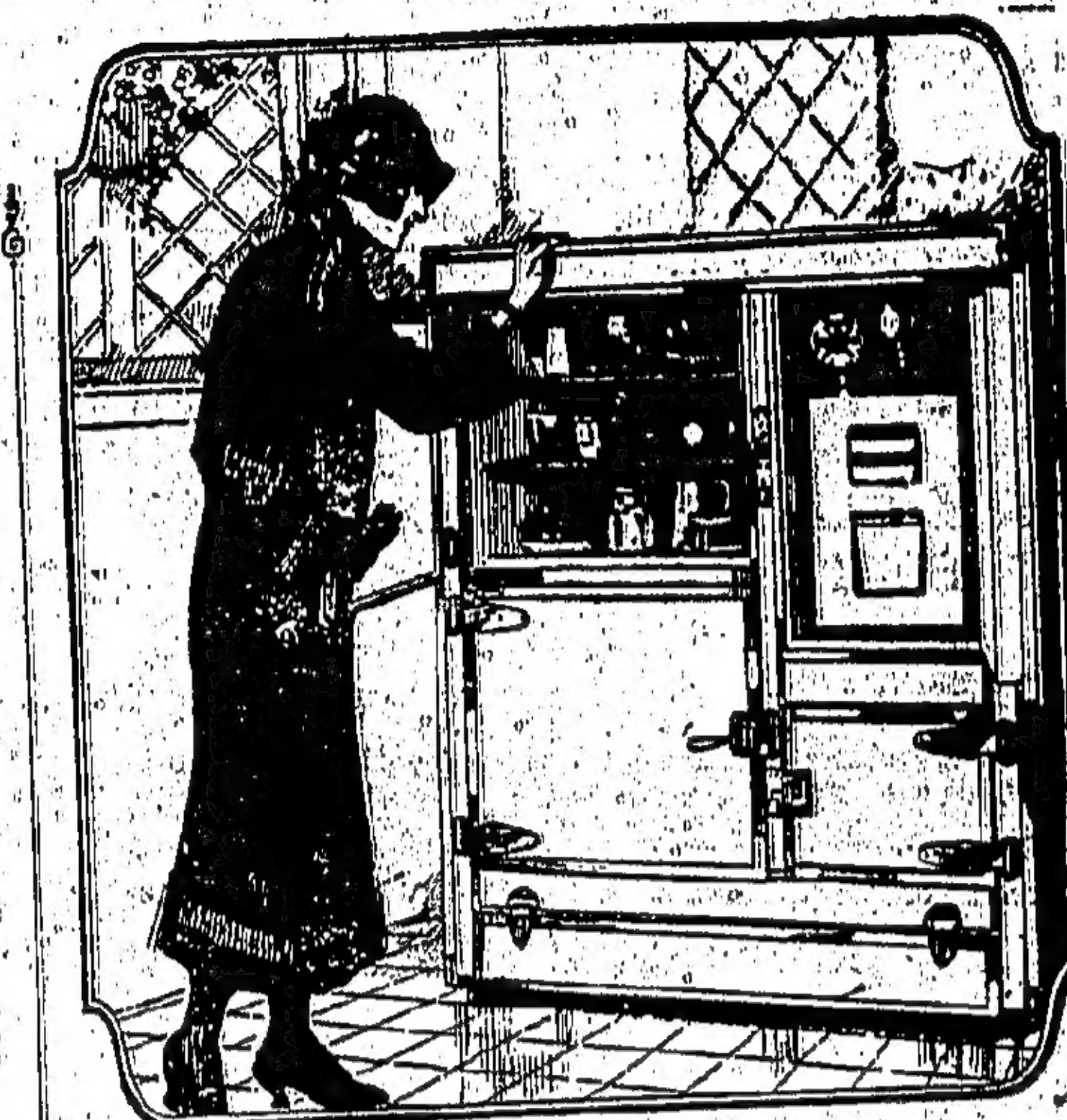
The total amount of rates received by the town is 1,800,000 dollars, of which one million is paid by Russians and half a million by Chinese, the remaining 300,000 being paid by other nationals. Of this amount 170,000 is Japanese, but only about 25 per cent. of the Japanese amount has been paid, therefore, if the Consuls of other nations told their nationals not to pay rates, the loss would be small. But if town rates are not paid, then property cannot be held by the foreigner, and then what is to happen to the huge works of the Produce-Export Company and the large building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank? These two companies would have to pay the rates even if private people did not, in the same manner as the International Banking Corporation pay for their building, though all other Americans pay nothing, as they did not sign the 1914 agreement.

The whole of the staff of the Municipal Council, both Chinese and Russian continue their work.

not one having been discharged, and the members of the committee are in their offices all day, the same as the Russian councillors were doing.

The Consuls of the Powers which signed the 1914 agreement paid a visit to the Civil Administrator, General Chang Hwang-hsiang, and the Japanese Consul, Mr. Arai, as the Doyen of the Corps, asked that the old council members should be re-instated. This request was refused, but the Civil Administrator said he would be pleased to discuss the question of the new council and the formation of same, so that foreigners who pay rates should have some voice in the control of the finances. The Consuls said that they must consider this point, and left the house.

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BORNEO MARU Tuesday, 4th May.
HEIMEI MARU Thursday, 20th May.
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CHICAGO MARU Wednesday, 12th May.
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Ports.
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ATLAS MARU Friday, 14th May.
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KAIJO MARU Sunday, 2nd May noon.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
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LOCAL SHARE MARKET
OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS
HONGKONG, APRIL 28, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

| Names | Hongkong Stock Exchange | Hongkong Shareholders' Association | Other Share & Bond Society |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| T.T. on London | 2 1/2 1/2 | 2 1/2 1/2 | 2 1/2 1/2 |
| T.T. on Shanghai | 76 1/2 | 76 1/2 | nom. |
| Hongkong Bank | 1100.5 s | 1100.5 s | 1110.5 s |
| do. London | 1125 n | 1125 n | 1125 n |
| Chartered Bank | 230 n | 230 n | 230 n |
| Mercantile Bank A. & B. | 215 1/2 b | 215 1/2 b | 215 1/2 b |
| do. (Single) | 215 1/2 b | 215 1/2 b | 215 1/2 b |
| P. & O. Bank | 60 1/2 n | 60 1/2 n | 60 1/2 n |
| Bank of East Asia | 86 n | 86 n | 86 n |
| Marine Insurance | 635 b | 635 b | 635 b |
| Canton Insurance | 100 b 1 1/2 s | 100 b 1 1/2 s | 100 b 1 1/2 s |
| China Underwriters | 1145 n | 1145 n | 1145 n |
| North China Insurance | 284 b 285 s | 284 b 285 s | 285 b |
| Union Insurance | 39 n | 44 n | 44 n |
| Yangtze Insurance | 170 b | 170 b | 170 b |
| Fire Insurance | 550 b | 550 b | 550 b |
| China Fire Insurance | 550 b | 550 b | 550 b |
| Shanghai Fire Insurance | 28 n | 28 n | 28 n |
| Douglas | 26 s | 26 s | 26 s |
| Hongkong Steamboats | 24 s | 24 s | 24 s |
| H.K. Tugs & Lighters | 38 n | 38 n | 38 n |
| Indo-China (Pref.) | 40 n | 40 n | 40 n |
| do. (Def.) Ltd. | 45 n | 45 n | 45 n |
| do. (Hk.) | 250 n | 250 n | 250 n |
| Oriental Navigation | 87 1/2 b | 87 1/2 b | 90 1/2 b |
| Shell Transport | 96 1/2 b | 96 1/2 b | 96 1/2 b |
| Star Lines | 15 n | 15 n | 15 n |
| Water-roads | 26 n | 26 n | 26 n |
| China Sugars | 36 n | 36 n | 36 n |
| Malayan Sugars | 42 1/2 b | 42 1/2 b | 42 1/2 b |
| Mining | 42 1/2 b | 42 1/2 b | 42 1/2 b |
| Benguet | 125 b | 125 b | 125 b |
| Kallang Mining Ad. | 24 1/2 n | 24 1/2 n | 24 1/2 n |
| Langkate (Combined) | 125 b | 125 b | 125 b |
| do. (Single) | 125 b | 125 b | 125 b |
| Shanghai Exploration | 54 n | 54 n | 54 n |
| Shanghai Loan | 7 n | 7 n | 7 n |
| Raub | 5 n | 5 n | 5 n |
| Promiss Mines | 65 1/2 b | 65 1/2 b | 65 1/2 b |
| Ural Caspian | 8 1/2 n | 8 1/2 n | 8 1/2 n |
| Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c. | 128 b | 128 b | 128 b |
| H.K. & W. Wharves | 60 s | 60 s | 60 s |
| H.K. & W. Docks | 116 1/2 s | 116 1/2 s | 116 1/2 s |
| Hongkew | 580 b | 580 b | 580 b |
| New Engineering | 107 b | 107 b | 107 b |
| Shanghai Docks | 9 1/2 n | 9 1/2 n | 9 1/2 n |
| Lands, Hotels & Edges | 64 1/2 n | 64 1/2 n | 64 1/2 n |
| H.K. & S. Hotels (old) | 6 n | 6 n | 6 n |
| do. (new) | 154 n | 154 n | 154 n |
| Hongkong Lands | 100 n | 100 n | 100 n |
| H.K. Realty | 7 n | 7 n | 7 n |
| H.K. Territorial | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b |
| Humphreys Estates | 100 s | 100 s | 100 s |
| Princes Building | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b |
| Rural Lands | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b |
| Cotton Mills | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b | 103 1/2 b |
| Ewo Cottons | 320 b | 320 b | 320 b |
| Oriental | 52 b | 52 b | 52 b |
| Shanghai Cottons (old) | 27 b | 27 b | 27 b |
| do. (new) | 27 b | 27 b | 27 b |
| Miscellaneous | 17 1/2 s | 17 1/2 s | 17 1/2 s |
| Canton Ice | 134 b | 134 b | 134 b |
| Cementa (comb.) | 13 b | 13 b | 13 b |
| do. (old) | 3 n | 3 n | 3 n |
| do. (new) | 10 1/2 b | 10 1/2 b | 10 1/2 b |
| China Buses | 20 n | 20 n | 20 n |
| China Lights (comb.) | 15 b | 15 b | 15 b |
| do. (old) | 11 n | 11 n | 11 n |
| China Prov. (comb.) | 6 n | 6 n | 6 n |
| do. (old) | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| do. (new) | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| Dairy Farms | 11 1/2 n | 11 1/2 n | 11 1/2 n |
| Der A Wing (full pd.) | 24 n | 24 n | 24 n |
| do. (part pd.) | 65 b & s | 65 b & s | 65 b & s |
| Hongkong Amusements | 25 n | 25 n | 25 n |
| H.K. Constructions | 25 n | 25 n | 25 n |
| Hongkong Electric | 25 n | 25 n | 25 n |
| H.K. Developments | 25 n | 25 n | 25 n |
| H.K. Ropes (comb.) | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| do. (old) | 5 n | 5 n | 5 n |
| do. (new) | 24 1/2 b | 24 1/2 b | 24 1/2 b |
| Hongkong Tramways | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| Lane, Crawfords | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| Macao Electric | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| Mackintosh | 13 b | 13 b | 13 b |
| Nanyang Tobacco | 17 1/2 b | 17 1/2 b | 17 1/2 b |
| Peak Trams (old) | 11 n | 11 n | 11 n |
| do. (new) | 11 n | 11 n | 11 n |
| Sinceres | 8 s | 8 s | 8 s |
| Singapore Trams | 3 b | 3 b | 3 b |
| Taxis | 20 n | 20 n | 20 n |
| United Asbestos | 600 n | 600 n | 600 n |
| do. (Founders) | 18 n | 18 n | 18 n |
| do. (Ordinary) | 13 b | 13 b | 13 b |
| Watsons (old) | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| do. (new) | 9 1/2 n | 9 1/2 n | 9 1/2 n |
| Wm. Powells | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |
| H.K. Telephone | 10 n | 10 n | 10 n |

LOCAL SHIPPING.
TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.
THE MORNING LIST.
This morning the following
sea-going arrivals at Hongkong
were reported:
Benroch (3702) Br. from
London, Singapore, Gibb, Living-
ston.
City of Lyons (4481) Br. from
Bremer, Singapore, Bank
Line.
Langton Hall (4211) Br. from
Shanghai, Bank Line.
Suisang (1983) Br. from
Calcutta, Singapore, J.M. & Co.
Teon (1351) Br. from Bang-
kok, P. & O.
Shanghai (1368) Br. from
Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.
Chinkiang (1386) Br. from
Haiphong, B. & S.
Yingchong (1223) Br. from
Newchwang, Amoy, B. & S.
Amboise (1507) Br. from
Yokohama, Shanghai, B. & S.
Kamohi (2262) Br. from
Manila, Suez, B. & S.

Osaka Maru (2192) Jan. from
Calcutta, Singapore, N.Y.K.
Kasara (699) Chinese, from
Tientsin, Fu Kien.
Tak Hing (106) Chinese, from
Nan Tau, Fuk. Hol.
Derwent (1582) Chinese, from
Poochow, Amoy, Yuet On.

Departures.
For Saigon, Amboise.
For Chefoo, Kyodo Maru.
For Hong Kong, Langton Hall.
For Kwong-chow-wan, Hydran-
sea.
For Hui Hoi, Tak Hing.
For Bombay, Alipore.

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DEPARTURES
List of passengers departed per
S.S. "President Pierce" for San
Francisco via Ports of April 24.
Miss K. C. Griggs, Commander
H. Herz, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ray,
Master D. Ray, Master Ray, Miss M.
Ray, Mrs. J. Hottinger, Miss G. F.
Woods, Mrs. C. S. Brown, Mr. R. A.
Taylor, Mr. Lee Wo, Mr. Wong
See-Seung, Mr. Pong Bock, Mr.
E. O. Grasso, Miss M. L. Tanguay,
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pass, Mr. and
Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mr. Ng Ju-ming,
Miss D. I. Taylor, Mr. J. C. G.
Bailles, Mr. N. G. Cumming, Mr.
W. L. Kitterow, Mr. and Mrs.
G. A. Van Noyhuys, Dr. S.
Valenberg, Dr. W. Kahrel, Mr.
and Mrs. C. R. Begg, Miss C. Begg,
Miss S. Begg, Mr. P. Costa, Mr.
H. Jory, Mr. A. J. Walters, Miss
E. Ferdinands, Mr. J. H. Targert,
Mr. W. S. Hooper, Madame Wu
Ting-fang, Mr. W. K. Ho, Mr.
Shinjitro, Mr. Lee Huang-zo, Mr.
C. J. Kephart, Mr. L. Butt, Mrs.
L. Butt, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Liang,
Mr. Y. T. Tai, Mr. G. E. Huygen,
Mr. Chan Yau-wan, Mr. Louis Foo-
lung, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ehrigott,
Mr. U. Z. Lu, Mr. M. Chapman,
Miss J. Chapman, Mrs. M. E.
Cornwall, Mr. C. Y. Ford, Mrs.
M. R. Flynn, Capt. W. M. Flynn,
Mrs. D. Greenwell, Miss M. Hicks,
Master W. P. Hicks, Mrs. K. S.
Hicks, Mrs. H. Lockwood, Mr.
W. P. Murphy, Mrs. W. E. Miller,
Master E. Miller, Miss D. Miller,
Miss C. Moerk, Mr. M. Rubenstein,
Mrs. J. H. Stevens, Master J. H.
Stevens, Lt. H. Szymanski, Mrs.
H. Szymanski, Mrs. F. Smith, Miss
D. M. Smith, Mrs. H. B. Spencer,
Master J. D. Spencer, Mr. F. W.
Thurston, Miss G. Wadsworth,
Mrs. A. Wheller, Miss D. Wheller,
Mr. W. C. Webber, Mrs. E. T.
Woodbridge, Mr. M. Barker, Mr.
A. W. Beam, Mr. W. H. Beusse,
Mr. J. Brookman, Mr. S. R.
Hawthorne, Mr. T. L. Hall, Mrs.
E. Hall, Mrs. M. R. Hedrick, Miss
L. R. Hedrick, Miss A. E. Hedrick,
Mr. F. Hedrick, Miss R. Hedrick,
Master R. Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs.
A. S. Isayson, Miss E. Isayson, Mr.
L. J. Lammert, Mrs. H. S. Leas,
Miss H. Leas, Mr. A. Oks and Mrs.
E. Turney.

Passengers for Manila per S.S.
"President Jefferson" on April 26.
Lt. and Mrs. F. S. Borden, Miss
E. Borden, Master B. Borden, Mr.
and Mrs. J. B. Emmert, Mr. L.
Everett, Mr. D. Norton, Captain
O. Paus, Mr. E. Razon, Mr. O.
Enders, Mr. R. M. Sheriff, Captain
J. McBride, Mr. P. De Alcocete,
Mr. R. Dixon, Mr. S. Kurihara, Mr.
Chin Ah-kim, Mr. A. Cady, Mr.
T. M. Da Costa, Mr. J. S. Da Costa,
Mrs. M. Limjap, Miss F. Limjap,
Miss S. Limjap, Miss M. Ubaldo,
Mrs. S. Osmana, Master R. Osmana,
Mr. F. Limjap, Mr. P. Limjap, Mr.
J. Osmana, Mr. B. Adriano, Mr.
M. Boncan, Mr. V. Aravalo, Dr.
A. A. Santos, Mr. L. Dominguez,
Dr. E. Ocampo, Mr. J. F. Zehender,
Mr. A. Kraft, Dr. T. Nogel, Mr.
and Mrs. J. A. Miller, Mr. P. L.
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| Empress of Asia | June 24 | June 27 | June 30 | July 3 | July 12 |
| Empress of Canada | July 9 | July 12 | July 14 | July 17 | July 26 |
| Empress of Russia | July 23 | July 26 | July 28 | July 31 | Aug. 9 |
| Empress of Australia | Aug. 6 | Aug. 9 | Aug. 11 | Aug. 14 | Aug. 23 |
| Empress of Asia | Aug. 19 | Aug. 22 | Aug. 25 | Aug. 28 | Sept. 6 |
| Empress of Canada | Sept. 3 | Sept. 6 | Sept. 8 | Sept. 11 | Sept. 20 |
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|-------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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| "KASHGAR" | 8,005 | 18th May | Marseilles, London & Antwerp, & Hull |
| "FERIM" | 7,648 | 20th May | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 29th May | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "MIZAPUR" | 8,715 | 2nd June | Marseilles, London, & Antwerp |
| "KAYBER" | 8,114 | 18th June | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "MANUFA" | 10,302 | 26th June | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "KARNATA" | 8,193 | 10th July | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "RANPURA" | 18,585 | 24th July | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "DELTA" | 8,097 | 7th Aug. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "MAEDONIA" | 11,089 | 21st Aug. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "KALYAN" | 9,144 | 4th Sept. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 18th Sept. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |
| "KASHGAR" | 8,005 | 2nd Oct. | Marseilles, London & Antwerp |

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| S. S. | Tons | From HONGKONG (ABOUT) | DESTINATION |
|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| "SANTHA" | 7,754 | 2nd May | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
| "TALAMBA" | 8,013 | 8th May | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
| "SIRALDA" | 10,000 | 15th May | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| S. S. | Tons | From HONGKONG (ABOUT) | DESTINATION |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,500 | 4th May | Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga, Sandakan |
| "TANDA" | 8,958 | 1st June | Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga, Sandakan |

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|------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| "GAMBHIRA" | 5,367 | 28th April | Shanghai |
| "KHYBER" | 9,114 | 5th May | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "SHIRALA" | 7,541 | 4th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka |
| "YANDA" | 8,958 | 8th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 14th May | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "MANTUA" | 10,802 | 15th May | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "PADUA" | 8,907 | 30th May | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "KARNATA" | 8,193 | 11th June | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "ARAFURA" | 8,000 | 15th June | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "KASHMIR" | 8,995 | 16th June | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "RANPURA" | 18,585 | 24th July | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "DELTA" | 8,097 | 7th July | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "MAEDONIA" | 11,089 | 21st July | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "KALYAN" | 9,144 | 4th Aug. | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "MALWA" | 10,941 | 18th Aug. | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "KASHGAR" | 8,005 | 2nd Sept. | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
| "JUREA" | 10,918 | 16th Sept. | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |

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Mr. J. I. Scholle, Mr. F. R. Scott,

Mrs. E. M. Scott, Master T. R.

Scott, Mr. C. E. Smith, Mr. L. A.

Smith, Mrs. P. H. M. Smith, Mrs.

E. L. Sugden, Miss E. W. Sugden,

Miss A. A. Thompson, Mr. and

Mrs. M. E. Vaucher, Master M. A.

Vaucher, Master R. Vaucher, Mrs.

G. Walker, Miss M. Walker, Mr.

and Mrs. L. M. Wolf, Mr. and

Mrs. A. Denison, Mr. and Mrs.

Landadale, Mr. E. Wasmus, Mr.

R. Gilbert, Mr. Au Kong, Mr. Au

Ming, Mr. J. Goldsmith, Mrs. Wut

Pik-shuen, Miss Chung Shau-kuen,

Miss Chung Tao, Mr. Chung Chui-

chun, Mrs. Au King-wan and

Master Chung Ching.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived per

s.s. "President Jefferson" on April

28:-

Father A. Boiteau, Mr. and

Mrs. Chung Thye-phin, Master

Chung Kok-loon, Miss Chow Son,

Mr. W. H. Findlay, Dr. G. Moy,

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, Mr.

C. Y. Huang, Mr. H. C. Kan, Miss

B. Lee, Mr. W. E. Morris, Mr.

and Mrs. W. E. Morris, Mr. T. C.

Monaghan, Mr. E. H. Morris, Mr.

Geo. P. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.

Priest, Father L. Robert, Lt. and

Mrs. F. S. Borden, Miss E. Borden,

Master R. Borden, Mr. and Mrs.

J. B. Emmert, Mr. L. Everett, Mr.

Dick Norton, Capt. O. Pause and

Mr. B. Razon.

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April 27.

Mr. O. P. Anderson, Mr. P. Miller,

Mr. H. C. Anderson, Mr. George J. Foland,

Mrs. Chauvin, Mr. and Mrs. O. E.

Mr. W. B. Finley, Mr. and Mrs. H. E.

Mr. G. G. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. H. E.

Miss D. L. Goldrich, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, Mr. H. F. Parnes,

Mr. D. M. Hamby, Mr. H. J. Parnes,

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mrs. R. S. Savin,

Higham, Mr. C. B. Shank,

Mr. K. J. Jefferys, Mr. N. B. Solner,

Mr. J. M. McDermott, Mr. G. Wragge,

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Goods remaining undelivered after the

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Hongkong, Wednesday, April 28, 1926.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

It cannot be said that the meet-
ing of British merchants and
others to be held to-morrow,
on the invitation of His Excellency
the Governor, to consider sugges-
tions for increasing the efficiency
of the Volunteer Corps, has been
"rushed" or that it takes anyone
by surprise. It is getting on for
three months since His Excel-
lency, at the annual inspection of
the Volunteers, more than hinted
that he was going to ask for more
service from the Volunteers.
That is a matter of the deepest
concern not alone for the Volun-
teers themselves but for em-
ployers of British labour in this
Colony. It cannot be decided
upon without most serious con-
sideration. In speaking at the
Volunteers' inspection His Excel-
lency stated that the General
Officer Commanding, Major-
General Luard, considered—and
the Governor himself agreed—that
the present period of annual
training was too short, and he
(the Governor) proposed to see
whether suitable arrangements
could not be made forthwith for
prolonging it.

In commenting at the time on
His Excellency's remarks in re-
gard to a longer period of training
we remarked:

"That may be expected to be
the subject of a conference be-
tween the authorities and the
Chamber of Commerce. There
is, and will be for some time,
a shortage of staffs in business
firms, and it may be argued that
a longer period of training not
only would be a hardship on
firms but at the same time im-
pede the flow of recruits to the
Volunteer Corps."

It is gratifying to observe that
this aspect has not been
overlooked. At to-morrow's
meeting it will be pro-
posed that a small Committee
of the heads of commercial firms
should be formed to discuss with
the Volunteer authorities the
best methods of combining the
maximum efficiency and a mini-
mum interference with business
requirements. That is well so far
as it goes. That the recom-
mendations and views of the
Committee be elected will carry
due weight with the authorities
may justifiably be expected.
But before any scheme is
considered, the increased
efficiency of the Corps is essential.

would it not be as well to explore
the weaknesses and defects of the
Corps apart altogether from the
point of the period of annual
training? It might be construed
as rank heresy—or at least tread-
ing on delicate ground—even to
hint that much could be done to
popularise the Volunteer Corps in
the best sense of the word. Indi-
vidual grievances exist in every
Corps (for of such is human
nature), but as these are usually
aired far from the parade ground
or the drill hall they may not
always be heard by those who
have the best claim to hear them
with a view to righting any
wrongs, real or imaginary. Why
do young men "join up" in a
moment of enthusiasm and then
quietly resign within the specified
time after showing a merely per-
functory attendance at parades?
Why should some clutch at any
excuse for a temporary transfer
to other branches of their firms
in order to be provided with an
apparently legitimate excuse for
severing their connections with
the Corps? That such things
happen cannot be denied; only
that no one appears to have the
grit to lay a bona fide grievance
before the Volunteer "heads" lest
the susceptibilities of others be
offended. "This is a pity," as it
tends to impair the efficiency of
the Corps as a whole and to mar
that esprit de corps essential in
a small British community.

On the principle of "first things
first," there might be considered
the problem of popularising the
Volunteer Corps—of making
Volunteering the genuine pleasure
that it ought to be instead of pro-
voking any lamentations at hav-
ing "joined up." Pride in an
efficient Volunteer Corps is never
confined to its officers and mem-
bers; it is shared by the whole
community. But, were popularity
to be ensured, efficiency—even
the maximum efficiency—would
follow automatically.

In any event, it is to be hoped
that there will be a representative
response to His Excellency the
Governor's invitation to British
merchants and others to the meet-
ing to be held to-morrow. A
round-table conference on such an
important subject in its relation
to the defence of the Colony must
be productive of some good. And
no one can possibly demur at the
desire for securing the maximum
of efficiency in the Volunteer
Corps, which has already rendered
magnificent services to the
whole community.

PUBLIC NOISES

We are perhaps inclined to
protest too much at the noises to
be found—rather heard—in
Hongkong. The Chinese speak-
ing generally—love noises; and if
noises frighten away "devils" or
"evil spirits," we must agree that
these detestable influences must
have a bad time of it. Whilst we
deprecate the rattling of nerves
by unnecessary noises, we should
deplore any tendency to prevent
the noise—joyful and otherwise—
peculiar to Chinese customs,
ceremonies, and so forth, and to
argue that noise is an evil in
itself. The noise of the streets
is a part of the life of the
community, and it is not to be
tolerated. The principal offender at the moment
is the motor-car horn "perform-
er," who lacerates nerves, and
"frightens the life" out of peace-
ful pedestrians whose only fault
is that they do not possess motor
cars. Seemingly, the creation of
unnecessary noises is an offence
in law. It is an offence against
good taste; but the law says, in
effect, and in the words of the
verger to the deaf old lady in
Church with an ear trumpet—
"One toot and your oot!" Ten
dollars for "continually sounding
a warning device" in Chater
Road is sufficient penalty to warn
others to desist from a practice
which cannot be justified on the
grounds of an intense love of
music and is only making of the
place a little bedlam. Of the
sounding of motor horns gener-
ally, there is probably two
sides to the question. The driver
has a responsible job. His not
merely to drive a car, but to see
that no one is driven into it. It
used to be said that a bicycle
rider rang his bell to let you know
he was coming. You simply con-
tinued on your way. A motor car
driver "toots" to let you know he
is coming, but, seemingly, to warn
you to get out of the way. The
rule of the road seems to be that
all swift moving vehicles have
prior claims: the pedestrian has
none. If this is true, it should be
made widely known, if only to
prevent the noise of sounding
motor horns.

CONSULAR PROMOTION.

SENHOR CERVEIRA DE ALBU-
QUERQUE E CASTRO.

TO FIRST CLASS.

The Consul-General for Portugal
in Hongkong has received well-
deserved promotion from his
Government, a fact which is of
much satisfaction to his compa-
trials and the news will be receiv-
ed with satisfaction in the Colony
generally. A private telegram
from the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs in Lisbon received in the
Colony last week announced the
fact that Senhor Cerveira de Albu-
querque e Castro has been pro-
moted to first class consul-general in
Hongkong.

It was in 1912 that Senhor
Albuquerque received his first con-
sular appointment, and left Lisbon
for Orense, in Spain. After six
months' service he was transferred
to Vigo in November in the same
year, where he remained until
September, 1914. Soon after
the outbreak of the Great War,
Consul Albuquerque was pro-
moted to consul-general and in that
capacity came out to the East and
represented his country at Kobe,
Japan, where he arrived in Decem-
ber, 1914. For a little over five
years Senhor Albuquerque acted as
Consul-General at Kobe, and in
February, 1920, was transferred to
Hongkong, where he has remained
ever since.

Consul-General Albuquerque's
service in the Colony has been
entirely satisfactory to his own
Government as well as to the
Colony to which he has been
accredited. On the departure of
Mr. Wm. E. Gale, U.S. Consul-
General in Hongkong, to The
Hague in 1924, Senhor Albuquerque
acted as Dean of the Consu-
lar Body in Hongkong, and in
that capacity has efficiently dis-
charged the onerous duties devolv-
ing upon him. His well-merited
promotion, announced on the 22nd
instant, will therefore be matter of
congratulation for his compatriots
in the Colony.

CYCLE DEATH.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST
EUROPEAN.

HEARING ON TUESDAY.

The charge of manslaughter
against Mr. J. S. Squire arising
out of the death of a Chinese
when he was run into by a motor
cycle at Causeway Bay, has been
fixed for hearing in the afternoon
of May 4.

Mr. T. A. Gordon Leach, who is
appearing for the defence, asked
at the Central Magistracy this
morning whether an inquiry into
the death would be held and the
Magistrate replied he did not
think so.

LOCAL WILLS.

LATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEMBER.

\$1,713,300 ESTATE.

Letters of administration have
been granted in respect of
the estate of a former
Head of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson and Co., to the Hon. Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard, the appointed
attorney.

The estate is that of the late
Mr. John Bell Irving, of Milbank,
Lockridge, Dumfries, Scotland, and
formerly of Hongkong, where he
was a member of the
Legislative Council, and who
died at his home in Scotland
on July 13, 1925, at the age of 79
years. He leaves property in the
Colony to the value of \$1,713,300.

The will is dated 14th of Decem-
ber, 1921. He left legacies to his
widow, Mrs. Isabella Thomson Bell
Irving, his son, Mr. John Bell
Irving, and his daughter, Miss
Bella Bell Irving.

Together with his widow, he
appointed as executors his brothers
Mr. David Jardine Bell Irving,
Whitehill, Dumfries; Col. Andrew
Bell Irving, D.S.O., Pall Mall,
London; and James Jardine Bell
Irving, Makerston, Kelso.

He left his son, besides much
property, the sum of \$10,000
sterling.

He enjoined that after his death
all male servants who had been in
his employ over five years should
be given £25, and all male servants
who had been in his employ for
over 10 years, £50.

Decedent left a large estate in
Scotland.

CHARITY BEQUESTS.

The late Mrs. Lee Po-sham, of
No. 7, West Terrace, in addition to
leaving legacies to members of her
family, also made bequests to
charity.

She enjoined that \$10,000 should
be set aside for building an institu-
tion for the educating of orphans,
the institution to be known in the
name of her late father-in-law, Mr.
Yuk Hang, as a memorial of him.
If such a project failed she en-
joined that it should be paid to the
Po Chi Hospital in the Tung Koon
District in the province of Kwang-
tung, and be devoted to the curing
of tuberculosis. She further
enjoined that another sum of
\$10,000 should be invested in prop-
erty, and the income arising
therefrom should be used for the
upkeep of the same institution and
dispensing medicine free of
charge.

She also enjoined that \$40,000
should be set aside and be invest-
ed to form a relief fund. The in-
come derived from the fund should
be devoted to ameliorate distress
in the case of typhoons, famines,
floods, etc. She trusted that the
fund would be augmented by the
financial aid of other rich people,
so that it may never end.

Mrs. Lee left over a million
dollars.

\$10,000 THEFT.

MERCHANT'S LOSS WHILE
ASLEEP.

CHINESE IMPRISONED.

The case against a Chinese who
was charged with the theft of
\$10,000 from a merchant staying
at the Great Eastern Hotel was
continued before Major C. Willson
at the Central Magistracy yesterday,
when the accused alleged that he
had been ill-treated by the police.
Evidence showed that the money
was handed over to accused's sister,
who in turn took it to her brother-
in-law's house where it was found
when the police went there.

Witnesses in the case were cross-
examined by Mr. McCallum for the
defence and at the close he sub-
mitted there was no evidence
against the accused and asked for
his discharge.

A statement made by the accused
when he was charged was to the
effect that he went into the room
to wake the complainant. He took
a cigarette from the coat pocket
and finding a purse with money
inside he took it away. He stated
in evidence that he took the money
for safe keeping.

Major Willson held accused to be
guilty, and sentenced him to four
months' hard labour.

Mr. McCallum asked for a case
to be stated on the admissibility
of the evidence, as telling that it
would be necessary to lodge an
appeal. His Worship intimated
that he would reconsider the
matter.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

LECTURES ON WORK OF
FLEET.

A FLAG DAY.

The giving of lectures on both
sides of the harbour, illustrating
the work of the Navy, was mooted
at the annual meeting of the
Hongkong branch of the Navy
League, held at the City Hall
yesterday, Sir Henry Pollock,
K.C., presiding in the absence of
the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

It was mentioned that a series
of slides and letter press con-
nected with naval matters had
been received from home and it
was proposed that this material
should be used.

It was also decided that if at
all feasible a flag day should be
held this year in October. Last
year, owing to reasons with
which they were well acquainted,
it had been impossible to hold the
flag day. The local branch in
Amoy, however, raised \$10 in aid
of the "Implacable" fund which
had been gratefully acknowledged
by Sir Vincent Baddely.

After reading the report,
already published, the Chairman,
commenting on the statement of
accounts, said that there was a
balance in hand of \$747.24 as
compared with \$642.54 last year.
Since the balance sheet was made
up, however, a further sum of
\$200 had been collected.

The Chairman also read a letter
from Rear-Admiral Sir Edward
Freeman, appealing for help
for the Nelson Day Fund. He
said that old residents in the
Colony would remember the Ad-
miral, as he was stationed in
Hongkong for some time. He
trusted that the appeal would re-
ceive the careful attention of the
incoming committee, and that it
would make as generous a grant
as possible in aid of such a worthy
cause.

The Chairman moved the adop-
tion of the report, and the
statement of account, and the
motion was carried unanimously.

Officials.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock
was unanimously elected Presi-
dent for the ensuing year. In
returning thanks he said that his
first official connection with the
League was in 1895.

Mr. W. A. Dowley was elected
Vice-President.

The following were elected on
the Committee:—Commander
A. J. E. Stirling, Messrs. F. A.
Perry, J. H. R. Hance, E. Suther-
land, A. S. Exell (hon. treasurer),
and L. M. Whyte (hon. secretary).

The question of having a Flag
Day on Nelson's Day this year
was left to the incoming com-
mittee.

BACK TO NORMAL.

H.E. HOTEL GETTING OVER
THE FIRE.

LATEST ADDITIONS.

By May 1 (this Saturday) the
Hongkong Hotel management will
have had just four months in which
to reorganise, after the disastrous
fire of New Year's Day. This does
not take into account the period
necessary for "looking around."

A new restaurant will be opened
when the following will be avail-
able:

Breakfast, noon to 2.30 daily, at \$1.
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\$1.25.

A la carte at popular prices, all
hours.

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30 coupons.

(Full details are given in an ad-
vertisement elsewhere in this
issue.)

The public bar will also be in
service again, with its snack coun-
ter. Hours are from 8 a.m. to
midnight. This bar adjoins the old
block damaged by fire.

FOR HONGKONG.

WARSHIPS AND SUBMARINES
LEAVE MALAYA.

H.M.S. "Tianis" and three sub-
marines arrived in Singapore on
April 16, and the other parent ship,
"Ambrose," and four submarines
arrived on April 17. The vessels
had been visiting Penang, Port
Swettenham and Malacca.

The "Ambrose" and three sub-
marines were to leave for Hong-
kong on Tuesday April 20 and the
"Tianis" and the other four sub-
marines were to leave on April
24 and 25, and 26, respectively.

SHEER HUMBUG.

CAUSTIC COMMENT ON
BUDGET SPEECH.

PROFLIGATE AND BANKRUPT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 26.

In the House of Commons to-day Opposition Day in connection with the Budget was fully taken advantage of by Mr. F. Snowden in accusing Mr. Winston Churchill of increasing national expenditure by £30,000,000 in 18 months and making an outrageous settlement with Italy simply in order to get £4,000,000 to include



Mr. Winston Churchill.

In the present Budget. The Government was undoubtedly in the grip of the banks and financial houses, whilst Mr. Churchill's statement regarding the silk duties was sheer humbug.

"Sacred Feelings."

The ex-Chancellor (Mr. Philip Snowden) scathingly criticised the betting tax, which he alleged was an outrage on the most sacred feelings of a vast number of people and would lead to collusion between backers and book-



Mr. Philip Snowden.

makers. He recalled that he described last year's Budget as the "rich man's Budget." This year it was the Budget of the profligate and bankrupt. (Loud Labour cheers.)

Mild Liberal.

Sir J. Simon (Liberal, Spens Valley) was milder in his criticism. He thought that betting could be regarded as an inoffensive form of excitement which caused havoc to homes when indulged in excessively. Moreover, the tax would encourage illegal forms of betting.



Sir J. Simon.

Sir J. Simon warmly repudiated the Chancellor's competence regarding 10 years' guarantee of Imperial Preference.

Conservatives Divided.

London, April 27. The betting tax promises to be the controversial feature of the Budget. It is opposed by the churches and bookmakers from different angles, whilst the Conservatives are divided—one section opposing the tax on moral grounds and another demanding legislation against betting.

Prominent racing men and bookmakers at Newmarket are doubtful as regards the yield of the tax, which would mean that the betting public are losing three as much as at present estimated. The bookmakers will have to increase their staff by 50 per cent.

Not Worth Collection.

Lord Lonsdale expressed the opinion that the scheme cannot satisfactorily be completed unless it included street betting and football betting. The Chancellor would soon realise that the revenue was not worth the cost of collection.



Lord Lonsdale.

SOVIET SLIMNESS.

LIFT IN GERMANY'S
BAGGAGE.

EFFECTS OF NEW TREATY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

The general impression of the Germano-Soviet Treaty in official circles in London is that many phrases are vague, indefinite, and capable of another interpretation. There does not appear at first sight to be anything objectionable.

German Press Views.

Berlin, April 27. The newspapers agree that the Treaty does not create a new situation and that the general lines of German foreign policy are unchanged, which fact is regretted by some of the more violent Nationalist journals. Joins the League.

Paris, April 27. The "Homme Libre" argues that the Soviet will thus enter the League in Germany's baggage, as once Germany is a member of the League she will be unable to associate herself with any League decision without being sure of agreeing with Moscow.

The paper concludes that the Soviet thus joins the League without any commitments or responsibilities.

Concern Not Dispelled.

Paris, April 27. The publication of the text of the Russo-German Treaty has not dispelled the concern in French political circles in regard to its possible "effects on" the fabric of Geneva and Locarno. An active exchange of views is proceeding between London and Paris, but it is premature to talk of representations being made to Berlin.

Cute! The "Temps" says that Germany wants to reserve the option to choose between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia when the fateful hour strikes, but it is hardly conceivable that such an attitude can be compatible with Germany's unconditional entry to the League of Nations.

U.S. INDUSTRIES.

PRODUCTION GREATEST FOR
OVER A YEAR.

ACTIVITY IN MILLS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 27.

The Federal Reserve Board's monthly index of production in the basic industries shows that the increases in March reached the highest level for more than a year. The increases were marked in steel ingots, pig iron, anthracite coal, copper, and newsprint.

There was also great activity in textile mills, and the output of motor cars was the largest since October.

BELOW A MILLION.

BRITAIN'S IDLE LIST CREATES
A RECORD.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

The total of unemployed persons on Monday last recorded in the Labour Exchanges of Great Britain was 997,000.

This is the first time for several years that the figures have dropped below a million.

FRENCH BUDGET.

ADOPTED AT LAST BY THE
SENATE.

CRISIS OVER?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 27.

Except for one or two minor modifications which call for adjustment between the two Houses, the Senate adopted the whole Budget by 274 votes to 7.

The Bookmakers' and Backers Race-course Protection Association are considering the convocation of protest meetings.

"Of Course!"

Miss Ethel Wilkinson (Labour M.P. for East Middlesbrough) said that the women of the country would strongly oppose a retrograde moral step.

The Rev. Henry Carter said that the tax would be fought most determinedly by the Wesleyan Methodists.

The United Council of Christian Churches met to-day to organise demonstrations of protest.

WAR DEBTS.

AMERICAN AGREEMENTS
APPROVED.

BRITISH ASSURANCES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 27.

Nineteen minutes' debate sufficed for the Senate to approve of the Latvian debt settlement. The Senate also approved of the debt agreements with Estonia and Roumania.

Senator Reed, the chief spokesman of the Opposition, declared that most probably Latvia would again become a part of Russia long before the 62 years laid down in the settlement had passed.

Senator Reed predicted that Great Britain would make the Italian debt settlement the basis of a demand for a revision of the British debt agreement.

Senator Smoot replied that Great Britain had given assurances that she would not object to any settlement which the United States might make with other nations.

RUSSIAN FLOODS.

SEVERAL VILLAGES UNDER
WATER.

EIGHT LIVES LOST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, April 27.

The Volga and its upper tributaries have overflowed their banks. The River Kizma has flooded the town of Orekhovo 45 miles east of Moscow.

Eight persons were drowned. Eleven bridges were destroyed. Many textile mills are idle.

Loss of life is also reported at Rybinsk where the Volga is 50 feet above its usual level.

Scores of villages are flooded. The inhabitants have taken refuge on the roofs.

Detachments of the Red Army are blowing up ice jams on the rivers in order that the waters can flow to their natural course.

RACIAL FEUDS.

SPORADIC CASES OF ASSAULT
IN CALCUTTA.

ONLY TEN MORE KILLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Calcutta, April 27.

Sporadic cases of assault and street fighting continue. The known casualties to-day are 10 persons killed and 15 injured.

BULLETS PASS.

AND POOR MUSSOLINI
REMAINS!

(Reuter's Service.)

Milan, April 27.

In torrential rain, more than 50,000 Fascists assembled in the Cathedral Square last night to pay homage to Signor Mussolini, who received a most enthusiastic ovation. Mussolini appeared on a balcony surrounded by the local notables.

Referring to the downpour he remarked: "I believe you would stand with the same impassivity under fire," and concluded with "Bullets pass, O Blackshirts and Mussolini remains." This was received with deafening cheers.

SOVIET FINANCE.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
GREATER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, April 27.

The Soviet Central Executive Committee concluded the fortnight's session by unanimously adopting a resolution on M. Litvinoff's report fully approving the Government's foreign policy. They also adopted a law reforming agricultural taxation, and the ratification of the Soviet budget which showed estimated revenue 4,800,000,000 roubles, being an increase of 37,000,000 compared with the original estimates, and estimated expenditure, 5,022,000,000 roubles, being an increase of 20,000,000.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK?

Tokyo, April 27. An unconfirmed report received here this morning from Yokohama states that a hospital ship, which twenty patients had been taken on board, had been sunk by a Japanese submarine.

COAL CRISIS.

PARTIES STILL AT THE
TALKING STAGE.

UNFETTERED DISCUSSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

After several days' intensive conferences, in which the Prime Minister was most active, the mine owners intimated their willingness to participate in an open tri-party meeting at which they would not impose any limitation regarding the scope of the discussion.

Thereafter an hours' meeting of the three parties was held in the House of Commons, and adjourned till to-morrow.

1916 MASSACRE.

AMERICA NOT ENTITLED TO
DAMAGES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, April 27.

The neutral Chairman of the Mexican delegates on the American-Mexican Claims Commission has signed and issued their decision to the effect that the United States is not entitled to damages for the massacre of Americans at Santay, Mexico, in 1916.

The American delegate declared the decision was illegal and did not bind the United States.

SALE FORECLOSED.

TROUBLE OF AN AMERICAN
RAILWAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Chicago, April 27.

Judge Wilkerson, of the Federal Court has ordered the foreclosure of the sale of the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul Railway, whose affairs are already in the hands of a receiver.

RESCUERS DROWNED.

Tokyo, April 20.

Of 27 fishermen, who attempted to rescue a vessel in distress off Hakodate, Hokkaido, thirteen were drowned owing to the capsizing of their junks, whereas the crew on board the wrecked vessel were cast ashore and saved. —"Eastern News Agency."

SINO-AMERICAN PACT NOT
TO BE REVISED.

Peking, April 18.

Washington has replied to the Chinese Government, expressing disapproval of the latter's proposal for the revision of the Sino-American Agreement. —"Eastern News Agency."

AIR CRASH.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN
NAGASAKI.

Nagasaki, April 19.

Owing to a gust of wind an aeroplane landing at Oji in Nara prefecture fell at an altitude of 10 metres, on a number of school children who were watching the landing. Two were killed and several seriously injured. The pilot was not hurt but the machine was badly damaged. —Reuter.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1926.

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STOLEN GOODS.

SOLICITOR'S RINGS FOUND
IN PAWN.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

Theft of a diamond ring and a ruby ring set in platinum, the property of Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was one of many charges preferred against two Chinese at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The first accused, defended by Mr. A. E. Hall, pleaded not guilty. The other only admitted a charge of giving a false name and address when pledging clothing at pawnshops.

Giving evidence from the witness box, Mr. Russ said that the rings were left by his wife on a shelf at a tailor's shop in D'Aguilar Street at 5.30 one afternoon and she forgot all about them until 8 p.m. when he heard of it while away at Fanning. On returning the next morning he carried out investigations at the shop, but without result. Referring to compensation to the pawnbroker in respect of the diamond ring which had been pledged for \$50 and for which he originally paid \$80, Mr. Russ strongly opposed any payment, stating that the article was traced owing to the ticket being found.

His Worship described the charges as serious in adjoining hearing for one week.

Electric Company's Losses. Prosecuting in a case of theft of copper plates from the Hongkong Electric Company, Mr. L. R. Andrews pressed for severe punishment against a Chinese, as he said that thefts of this nature were continually taking place without being detected.

Accused, pleading guilty, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

CHANGES ON THE CHINA
COAST.

Mr. W. P. Leamouth, third officer, Kiangchow, has gone third officer, Anhui. Mr. T. Hackett, third officer, Anhui, has gone second officer, Kweiyang. Mr. L. V. Anderson, second officer, Kweiyang, has gone supply second officer, Taishan.

Mr. D. C. Sim, third officer, Kalgan, is on reserve. Captain G. P. McAdam, of the Chengtu, is on reserve. Captain T. Johnstone, of the Yunnan, has gone master, Chengtu. Captain C. B. Atkins, of the Kiangsing, has gone master, Yunnan. Mr. J. D. Whyte, chief officer, Sinkiang, has gone master, Kiangsing.

Mr. W. T. Paul, chief officer, Pakhoi, has gone chief officer, Sinkiang. Mr. A. H. Mills, second officer, Sinkiang, has gone chief officer, Pakhoi. Mr. J. McKinley, from reserve, has gone second officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. W. J. Jones, third engineer, Chengtu, has gone third engineer, Sinkiang.

Mr. R. H. Brown, chief engineer, Poyang, has gone chief engineer, Sinkiang. Mr. D. M. Warden, chief engineer, Sinkiang, has gone chief engineer, Poyang.

Mr. C. L. Crampton, second engineer, Soochow, is on reserve. Mr. A. Anderson, second engineer, Shantung, has gone second engineer, Soochow.

Mr. R. Frost, chief officer, Tingsang, is on special service. Mr. T. Wilkinson, supply second officer, Tingsang, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. C. M. Bous, from reserve, has gone supply third officer, Poo-shing.

Mr. R. D. Fairfax, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hopang. Mr. T. M. Ide, second officer, Hopang, is on home leave.

Captain A. McKinnon, from reserve, has gone master, Kinahan. Captain V. A. Harris, of the Kinahan, has gone master, Sultai.

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Shadows Before.

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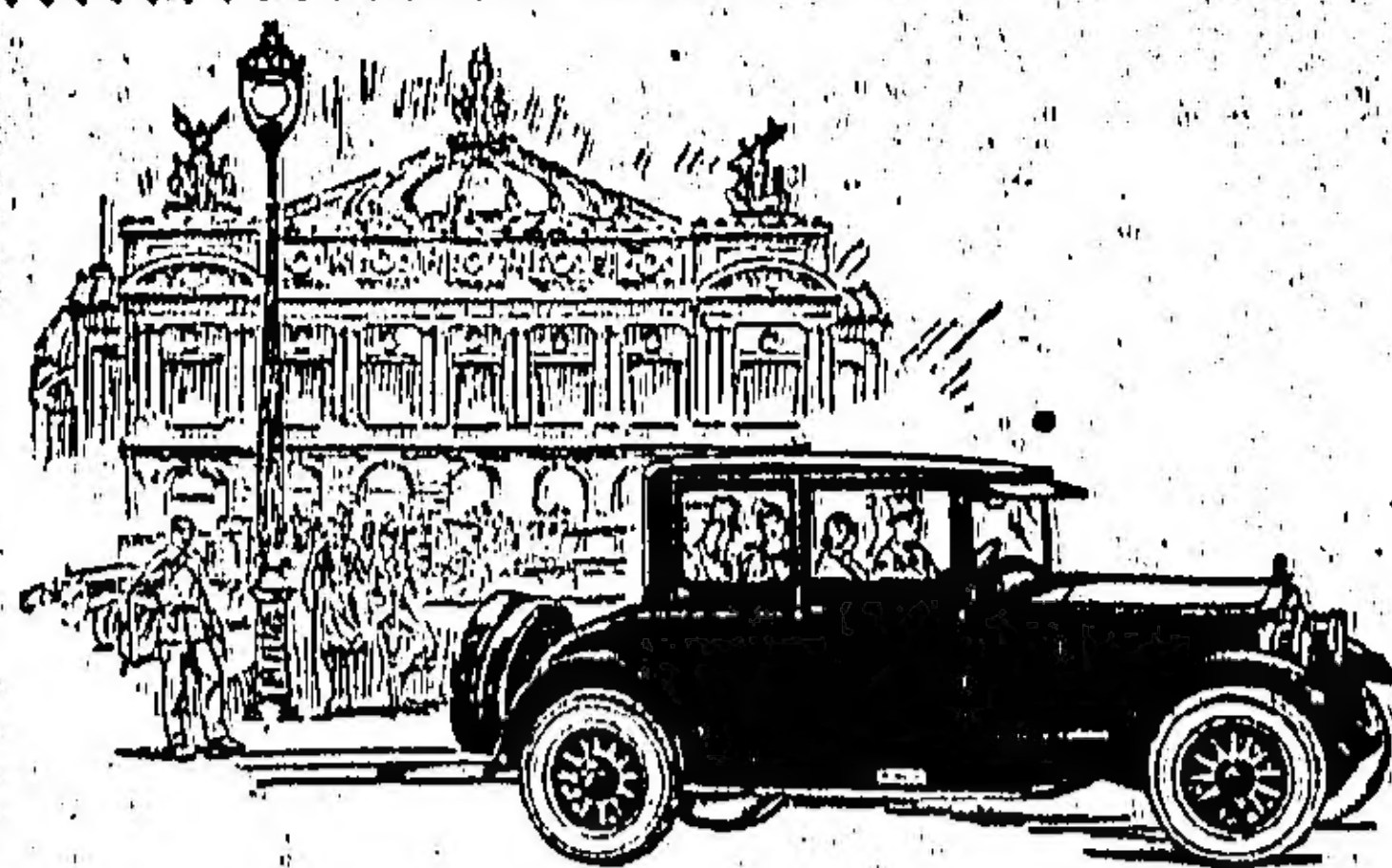
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Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benloch" are reminded that goods remaining in the Godowns after May 4 will be subject to rent.

The Cheung Chow Government School will hold its Annual Athletic Sports Meeting on the football ground, Cheung Chow on Saturday next at 13.30 a.m.

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. on May 18 at noon.

His Majesty the King has graciously forwarded to the S.P.G. a donation of £25 for the West Australian New Settlements Fund for the provision of spiritual ministrations to the group settlers.

A glowing tribute has been paid to Mr. John McCormack by a prominent resident who heard the singer on Tuesday, says the "N.C. Daily News." He was so impressed that he has now decided to refrain from singing in his bath. The neighbours will be pleased.

A very successful athletic meeting was held on the Kobe Recreation Ground, last week. One local record was broken by Mr. Moulton in throwing the cricket ball, which he threw 113 yards 2 ft. 6 1/2 inches, the previous club record being held by Mr. Alan Reid with 103 yds. 7 inches.

The telephone service to Berlin was opened on Monday for the first time, writes the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." I spoke to your Berlin correspondent. It took forty-five minutes to get the call through. Nothing could be clearer than the transmission. It was like speaking to someone over a table. He told me of conversations he had had a few minutes before in Berlin, and I told him what had just been said in diplomatic quarters here. The world seemed much closer with time and space so astonishingly overcome.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. E. Anderson leaves by the "Patroclus" on May 5, on holiday.

Mr. J. H. Todd of Melbourne, is conducting evangelistic meetings in Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

A British stoker of the H.M.S. "Iroquois," at Singapore, A. H. Watts has been absent from his ship since the 3rd inst.

The death has taken place at Penang of the Hon. Mr. Yeoh Guan Seok, partner in the legal firm of Messrs. Logan and Ross, and Penang Chinese representative on the Legislative Council of the Colony.

Bao Bai, the young Emperor of Annam, arrived at Marseilles, on March 20, on his way to finish his education in Paris, which was interrupted by his coronation. He is 12 years old, and is accompanied by Prince Vint-Cam, and by Mr. Charles, honorary Governor-General of Indo-China.

The Hon. Sylvia Fletcher-Moulton, daughter of the late Lord Moulton, arrived at Yokohama last week on a trip round the world. Her companion is Miss Leta Ford. Both are well known in society circles in London and New York. The late Lord Moulton was prominent in legal and diplomatic circles.

Mr. Duncan McKenzie, assistant gaoler in the Municipal Gaol in Shanghai is leaving on long leave, and is not expected to return before he has enjoyed "liberty" for at least eight months. He has been in Shanghai for over 20 years in the service of the Council, during which time he has proved himself to be an efficient lawn bowler, the enthusiasts of which game will miss his personality.

The following promotions among members of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force are announced:—Det. Sgt. E. M. Tinkler, promoted to Detective Sub-Inspector Det. Sgt. Robertson and Knight to Detective Sub-Inspector. Chief Inspector R. C. Aiers promoted to Superintendent of Police. Inspector A. H. Aiers, to Chief Inspector. Sub-Inspector Milne to Inspector. Sergeant R. H. Bear, W. Hotchkiss, and V. Sherman to Sub-Inspectors (uniform).

Every woman will soon be wearing rabbit fur. The report on the public fur sales held in London in March has just been issued, and in the list of furs sent to be sold there were 1,128,699 white rabbit skins. Only 28,000 house cat skins were sold during the sale.

An inn, supposed to be the oldest in the Midlands, is to be put up for auction. It is Ye Olde Whittington, near Kinver (Staffs), the holiday resort. The inn dates from early in the sixteenth century, and is where King Charles stayed on his flight from Worcester, and whence he went to Boscobel and hid in the oak tree.

Pulp and paper exported from Canada last year reached a total value of \$30,911,000, compared with \$27,398,000 in 1924, says the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. News print, wrapping, paper board, mechanical pulp, sulphite and sulphate all showed appreciable advances, newsprint being up 64,000 tons and double that of eight years ago.

The fact that 15 plays had been banned since the beginning of this year was disclosed by Earl Cromer, Lord Chamberlain, at a luncheon of the Theatrical Managers' Association at Gatti's Restaurant. Whether it was due to advanced views, he said, or whether people were becoming more daring, he did not know, but this year, out of 191 plays already submitted, 15 had been refused licences.

The King has written a letter congratulating the youth of South Africa on "their well-deserved victory" in connection with the Imperial Challenge Shields competitions. The South African team, which consisted of 2,008 boys and girls, won the King's trophy with an average of 76.034 points per firer out of a possible 100, which is considered a very fine performance. Other placings were: Second, Great Britain (2,012 boys, average 72.286); third, Australia (2,029 boys, 70.486); fourth, New Zealand (2,009 boys, 67.882); fifth, Canada (2,020 boys, 63.804).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A gift of \$500 from the widow of a mechanic, at the borough sanatorium was announced by Lord Elveden at a meeting at Southend-on-Sea in furtherance of the project for a new general hospital. She had handed the mayor that sum in bank-notes, he added, with the remark that "she hoped it would assist in helping lame dogs over the stile."

The Bath magistrates fined Mrs. Julia Smith 5s. for giving her cat a "good talking to." The cat had been away for two nights, and on his return he was lectured. Unfortunately, a policeman overheard his mistress' remarks. Mrs. Smith admitted that the cat could not have used the language, the policeman heard, for he was "a beautiful cat, more like a Christian."

Arrangements have been made for a sumptuous banquet to be given on the last day of this month by Baron Okura to one thousand of Tokyo's most important personages. On this occasion the octogenarian baron will formally retire from the presidency of the Imperial Theatre. There will be special plays, and dances in which the most prominent actors will take part.

Miss Betty Baldwin, the British Premier's daughter, has suffered what should be a summer-time accident—a sprained arm at tennis. She has had to keep the arm in a sling and received much sympathy from callers at Downing Street. The new electrical treatments, however, put this sort of injury right in a very short time nowadays, and Miss Baldwin is hoping to be on the courts again in a few days.

Mr. A. T. Holt, the genial and well-known locomotive inspector of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, is proceeding on long leave to England. He does not expect to return until after an absence of six months. The vacation has been well-earned. All along his route to Shanghai, the manifestations at each stopping place of his train—and they were many—attested to the popularity of Mr. Holt. Many gentlemen were presented to him by Chinese residents, who have been impressed by his invariable impartiality in dealing with his employees and by the attitude which he always assumed towards them. By these means, they endeavored to express their sincere appreciation of Mr. Holt's residence amongst them.

Is that portion of Ireland which forms the Irish Free State still a part of the United Kingdom? Judge Sir Thomas Grainger decided at Southwark County Court, in a test case, that it is not.

The French and Belgian Governments have decided that Summer Time in their respective countries will come into force on the same day as in England—namely, at 2 a.m. (Greenwich time) on Sunday, April 18.

During February, Dr. Barnardo's Homes admitted 136 boys and girls (101 permanently and 34 temporarily), including 30 from London, one from Scotland, two from Canada, and two from Belgium.

The Standard Oil Company tanker "Java Arrow," the crew of which rescued the sailors from the "Daishin Maru," which was swept out to sea from Japan, arrived at Yokohama. The Yokohama branch of the Japanese Seamen's Union made gifts to the officers and crew. The Yokohama Marine Press Association presented Captain Irvin with a basket of flowers.

Dr. J. C. Ferguson, during a lecture at the Royal Asiatic Society, at the Society's rooms, Museum Road, Shanghai, made the interesting suggestion that a commission of Chinese and foreign scholars should be brought together for the purpose of making the early records of China available to the Western world. Dr. Ferguson made this proposal a year ago at a meeting of the Peking Historical Association.

Why do Americans, asks the Rev. J. R. Campbell, so commonly persist in speaking of Britons as "Britannians"? The word is an objectionable compound but is coming into such general use that even English travellers occasionally fall into the way of using it as descriptive of themselves; and quite nice educated Americans will now and then accost one with the point-blank question: "Are you a Britannian?" I invariably answer "No," which sometimes leads to complications.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Tom Aldous, aged seventy-nine, is the oldest taxicab driver who is still working at his trade in London—probably he is the oldest in England, and possibly in the world.

Herr Jolly—a strange name for the part—who is carrying out a fast in Berlin, "has received during the past sixteen days 200 bottles of soda-water, 2,000 cigarettes, and over 500 proposals of marriage."

Mr. A. Webster, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has returned to Shanghai after a home leave. Since he left here some four years ago he has been in Singapore, from which port he went on furlough.

Colonel A. Stead, president of the Steadfast Film Company of London; Captain and Mrs. R. Morrison; his secretaries, and Mr. M. G. Benson and Mr. F. W. Green, camera men, have arrived at Kobe. They will photograph various places of interest in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ross have arrived in Japan. They will become permanent residents. Mr. Hadley and Mr. Ross succeeding Mr. J. Arthur Balls and Mr. J. Warren Shoemaker on the road department of the Nippon Oil company. Mr. Balls and Mr. Shoemaker will be transferred to America, departing within a few weeks.

The Prince of Wales and General Sir George Higginson attended the Grenadier Guards Comrades meeting at Wellington Barracks. Sir George reaches his 100th birthday in June of this year, and is the oldest general in the British Army. He served with the Grenadiers for thirty years, and went right through the Crimean War, being twice promoted on the field. He has been associated with the regiment ever since.

Five members of the House of Peers will represent Japan at the International Commercial Conference of Parliamentary Members in London beginning May 25. The delegates are Dr. Rentaro Midzuno, Marquis Moritachi Hosokawa, Dr. Aikitsu Tanakadate, Count Aisuke Katsuyama, and Mr. Shinkichi Tamura. Of these, Count Katsuyama, Dr. Midzuno, and Mr. Tamura, will sail for London by way of America.

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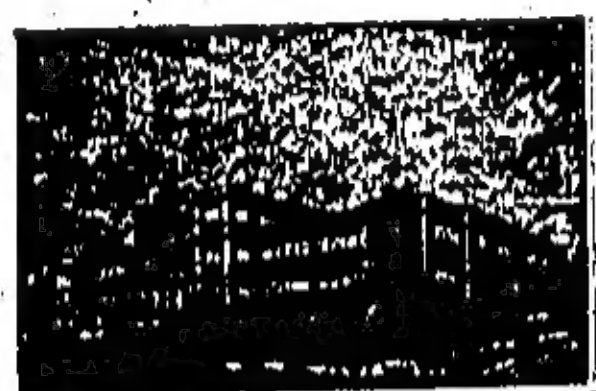
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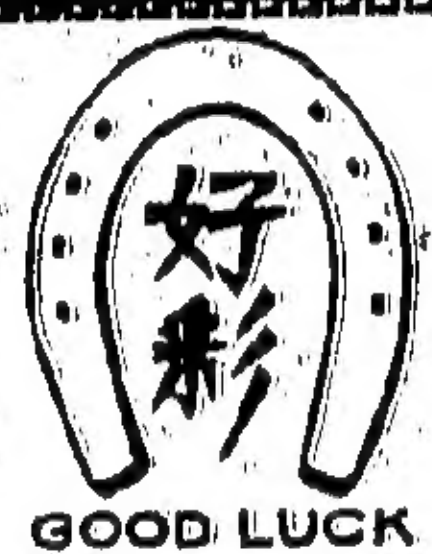
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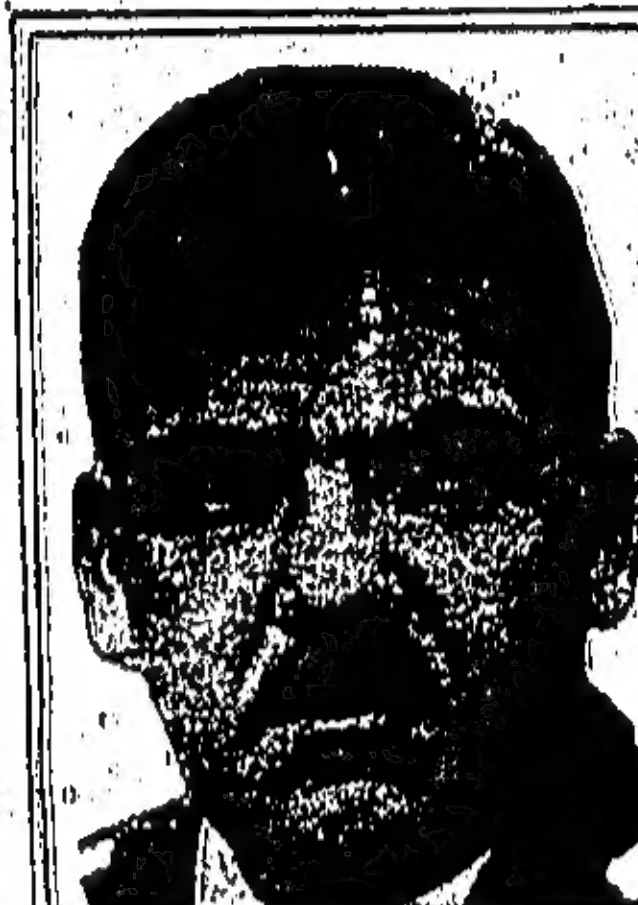
People and Events in the News of the World



ALANSON B. HOUGHTON



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PRESIDENT CALLES



DONALD B. MACMILLAN

Ambassador Alanson B. Houghton was recalled from England to discuss the disarmament conference of the League of Nations. U.S. District Attorney A. E. Benstead, of Cleveland, launched one of the biggest prohibition enforcement drives in the history of prohibition. President Calles, of Mexico, declared that his Government would continue to enforce the religious clauses of the Constitution which are causing the deportation of nuns and priests. Donald B. MacMillan, the explorer, declared that of eight polar expeditions this summer only Amundsen's would succeed.



PRINCESS LIPPI-LIPAKI

Princess Lippi-Lipaki, the wife of a former page in the court of the late Czar of Russia, defended a suit for \$100,000 filed against her in New York by Mrs. Lydia Agnes Stover, who alleged that the Princess denied Mrs. Stover was her mother.



BARBARA HUTTON

Though she is too young to realise her good luck, Miss Barbara Hutton, of New York, the grandchild and heiress of Mrs. F. W. Woolworth, cleared \$1,000,000 profit when her grandfathers sold 50,000 shares of Woolworth stock just before the price dropped \$20 a share.



DR. RUTH S. DAVIS

Dr. Ruth S. Davis, a young Brooklyn physician, passed the half-way mark in her thirty-day fast feeling very fit, wishing for some chocolate, but sustaining herself only on water.



GOVERNOR MOORE & TOMMY WAGGONER

A year ago Governor A. Harry Moore, of New Jersey, as chairman of the crippled children's committee of the Jersey City Elks, raised money to get medical attention for Tommy Waggoner, eight years of age, who seemed doomed to be a cripple. Tommy, the first day he was able to walk, took a train from Jersey City to Trenton to thank his benefactor.



BARONESS DE BRIEST

Baroness Alletta Lydia de Briest, acclaimed to be the most beautiful woman in Switzerland last year, is travelling in the United States with her husband.



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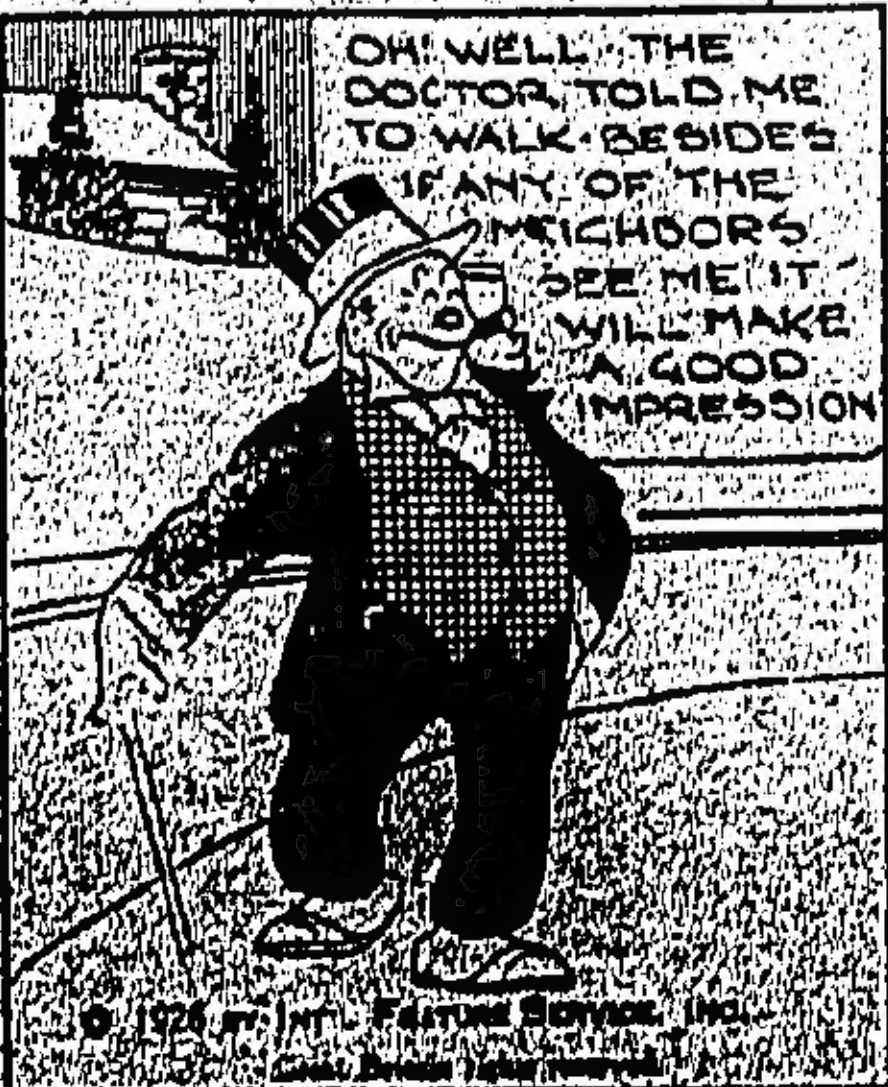


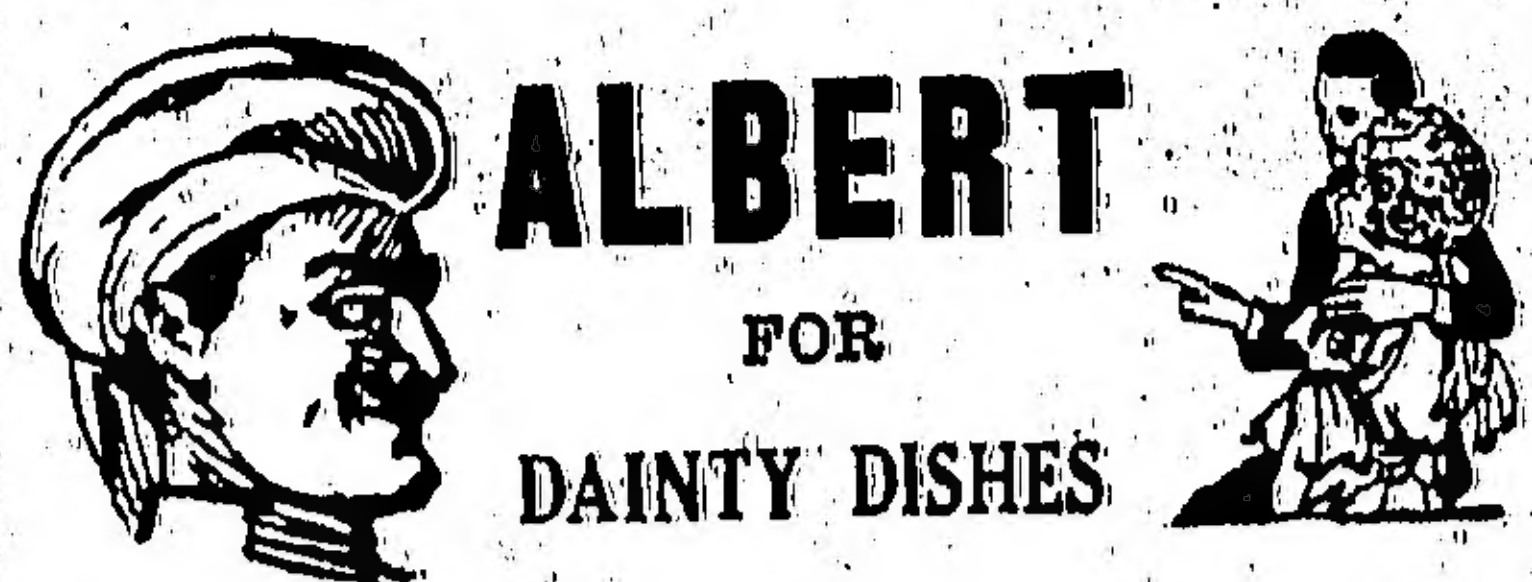
ARCHBISHOP HANNA

Jane Addams, a Chicago social worker, who before going to Europe, declared that within two generations, the clamour against prohibition will have died down. Major Chester P. Mills has taken over the office of Prohibition Administration Director for New York city. Archbishop Curley, of Baltimore, and Archbishop Hanna, of San Francisco, may be made Cardinals according to reports from the Vatican.

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INDIAN WIRELESS.

DIRECTOR PROCEEDING HOME ON LEAVE.

Delhi, April 7.
Commander Nicholson, Director of Wireless, who rendered meritorious services to the Government of India in promoting wireless, is proceeding on short leave. Preparatory to his retirement he makes a short tour of India. Before sailing home he visits Ceylon en route for business interests.
Mr. Edmund succeeds Commander Nicholson.—"Associated Press."

SIBERIAN ROUTE.

SHORTENED BY ONE DAY.

The International Sleeping Car Company's Harbin office have been advised by the Head Office of the concern that a new time-table has been introduced on the route Moscow-Warsaw, whereby the trip from the Far East to Western Europe will be shortened by exactly 24 hours.

Prior to the change of schedule passengers from the Far East arrived at Moscow on Tuesdays at 7 a.m., and left that city for Riga at 2.30 p.m., whence they continued their trip, arriving at Berlin on Friday at 9.10 a.m., at Paris on Saturday at 10.20, and at London on Saturday at 4.30 p.m.

Now passengers arriving at Moscow on Tuesday at 7 a.m. take the express train for Stolbey (Polish frontier station), which leaves Moscow on Tuesday at 4.30 p.m. Passengers arrive at Berlin on Thursday at 11.50 a.m., Paris on Friday at 10.20, and London on Friday at 4.30 p.m.

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COVENT GARDEN.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE MARKET.

APPLICATION FOR POWERS.

The directors of Beecham Estates Limited have decided to apply to Parliament for powers to remove Covent Garden Market to the site in Bloomsbury at present occupied by the Foundling Hospital, which is shortly being removed to the country. They claim that the requirements of the trade and the public can best be met by the erection of a completely new and more convenient market, designed on modern lines, on a site of nearly nine acres, and capable of carrying about 150 shops, as against the fifty in Covent Garden to-day.

In connection with this market question, which does not affect Covent Garden alone, it may be mentioned that Sir John Baddley announces that the Corporation was proceeding as rapidly as possible with the extension of Spitalfields Market, and that arrangements were being made to transfer the tenants of the demolished houses to new quarters in the neighbourhood of the King Edward Memorial Park at Shadwell.

RUSSIA CLAIMS WRANGEL ISLAND.

Moscow, April 16.—Simultaneously with the arrival of the Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible "Norge" in Leningrad, the Soviet Government issued a formal claim on all land between the northern coast of Siberia and the North Pole. It is understood that the island of Wrangel, claimed by the United States, is included in the Soviet's edict.

Wrangel Island is a bleak treeless expanse of rock north of Bering Straits and is valueless except as a base for trans-Arctic dirigible or airplane traffic. It is expected that its ownership will eventually be the subject of a spirited diplomatic controversy. There is a Russian fishing village on the island, but the American Government insists that it is in Alaskan waters and therefore, American territory.—"United Press."

AIRCRAFT IN CHINA.

The aircraft carrier "Hermes," which was sent to China in July last, has now rejoined the Mediterranean Fleet. From the latest accounts of Celestial affairs, one cannot help thinking that she would have been very much more useful in Hongkong than in Malta. If it were asked in what part of the world the British Navy has most call to activity at the present day,

SOVIET SUBTERRANEAN.

SINO-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE.

Peking, April 1.

Though the Committee in charge of the Commercial Treaty of the Sino-Russian Conference has held several sessions, no result has yet been reached on account of the "irreconcilable and dilatory attitude" of the Russian Delegates, who insist on the right of the Soviet to purchase and own land in the interior and the granting of the privileges accorded to foreign Consuls to members of the Trade Bureau of the Soviet Consulates, and other unreasonable demands. In spite of the effort of the Chinese delegates, they continue to dodge all important issues, thereby preventing a settlement, and finally suggest the conclusion of an agreement of principles first, leaving the details to be drafted later. In view of the significance and the insincerity of the Soviets, the Chinese delegates have not yet agreed to this.

According to those who are interested in the negotiations, the Soviet delegates, in proposing an agreement on principles are aiming to single out certain articles which are most desirable and beneficial to them to be included in the agreement, leaving those which are not so urgently needed and beneficial to the Chinese aside indefinitely, thereby enabling them to gain their points. They are convinced that the conclusion of a formal Trade Agreement will place the Soviets in a disadvantageous position and give the Chinese more favourable terms than the present, which subject Chinese merchants in Russia under intolerable restrictions of the Soviet Government. If they can drive home their suggestion for an agreement on principles only, by their clever diplomacy they may again play the game of obstructionists as soon as they succeed in obtaining what they most wanted. Their motives in insisting upon certain demands, such as the inclusion of some of the important points in the Trade Agreement into the Consular Agreement on the one hand and on the other declaring that they cannot proceed further pending instructions from Moscow, can be easily gauged.—"Kuo Wen."

the answer obviously must be on the China Station. Aeroplanes should be particularly useful in assisting to deal with the modern form of Chinese piracy, and, in any case, the "Hermes" could have kept in training in the Far East quite as efficiently as in the Middle Sea. Surely, the first principle of peacetime distribution ought to lie in stationing our warships where they are most likely to be wanted.—"Truth."

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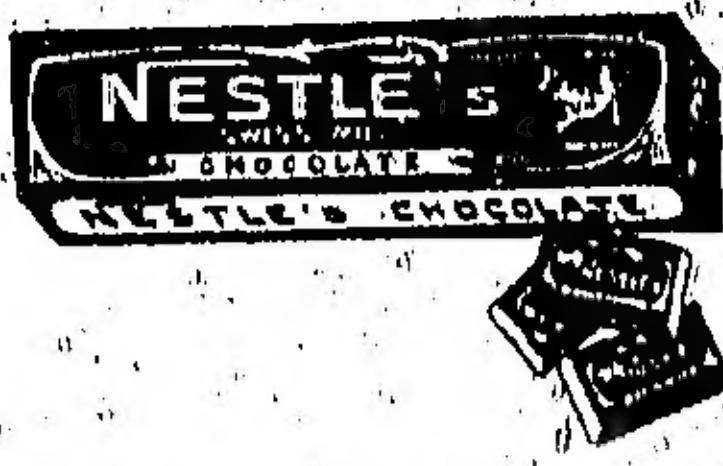
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ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC MEETING, 1926, to be held on the UNITED SERVICE RECREATION GROUND, KOWLOON, May 6th and 7th.

Open Event.—7th May, timed for 3.10 p.m.

One Mile Flat Race.—Open to Royal Navy, European Garrison (including H.K.V.D.C.) and Hongkong Police; British Residents.

Sports to commence at 2 p.m. each day.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1926.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC MEETING, 1926.

U.S.R.C. GROUND, KOWLOON.

Lieut. Colonel W. A. EDMANDES, D.S.O., R.A., and the Officers Royal Artillery, Hongkong, will be AT HOME to any of their friends between 3 and 6 p.m. on FRIDAY, May 7.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 1st May, 1926, commencing at 3 p.m. The First Race will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1, for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linford & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 30th April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$3.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.
Hongkong, April 9, 1926.

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NOTICES.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 18th May, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th May, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, April 28, 1926.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders held on the 16th April, 1926, Messrs. NG CHO MING and CHENG SO alias CHENG SIN PO, had been appointed Managing Director, and Manager respectively.

No documents including cheques, etc., will hereafter be considered valid unless they are duly and jointly, signed by NG CHO MING and CHENG SO.

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